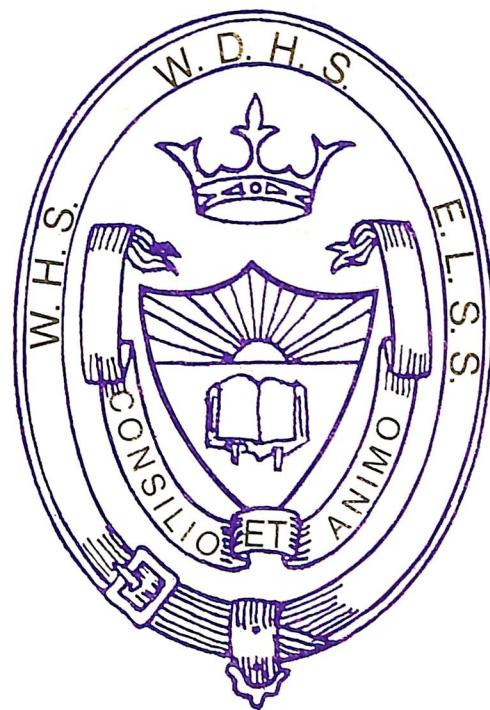
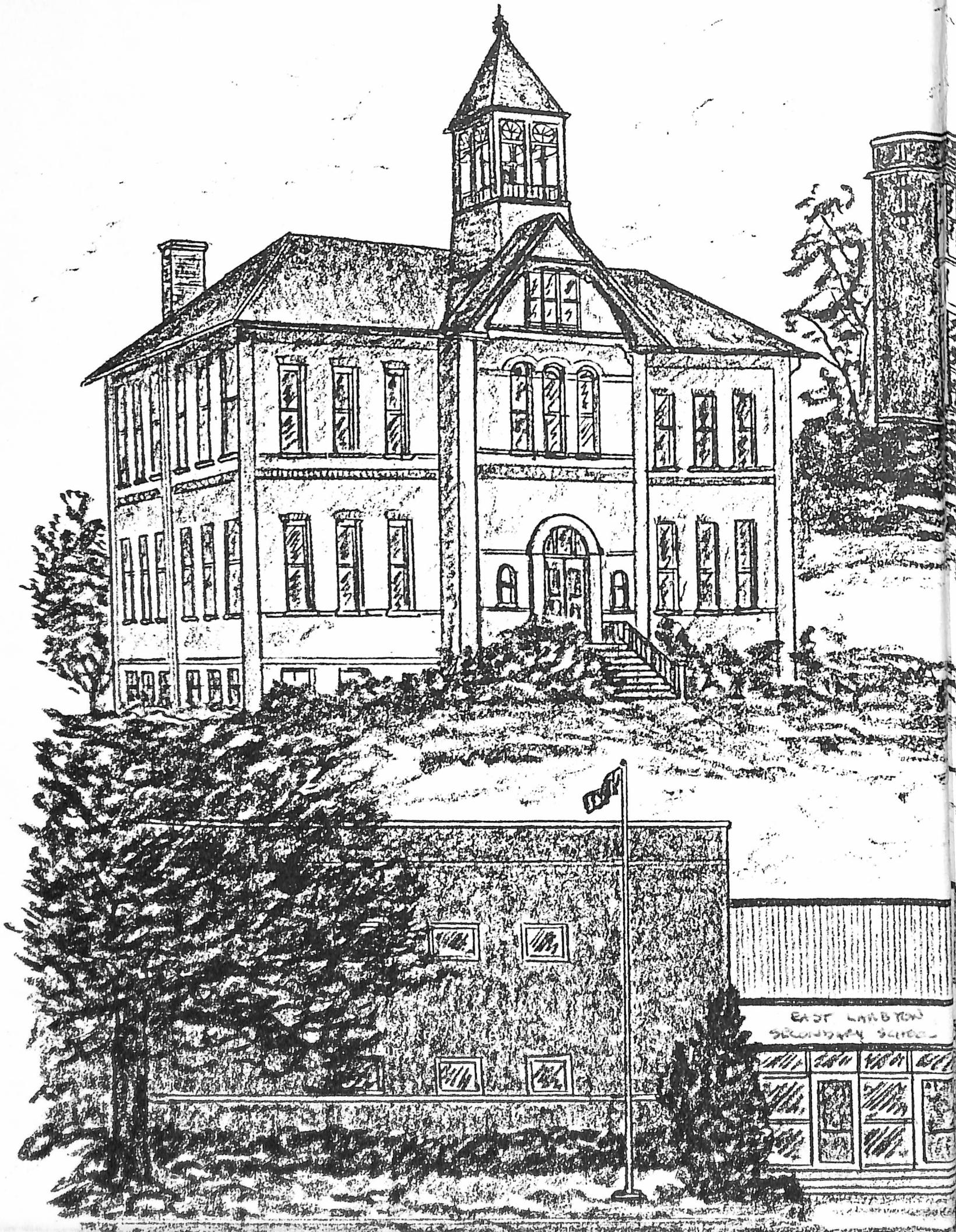
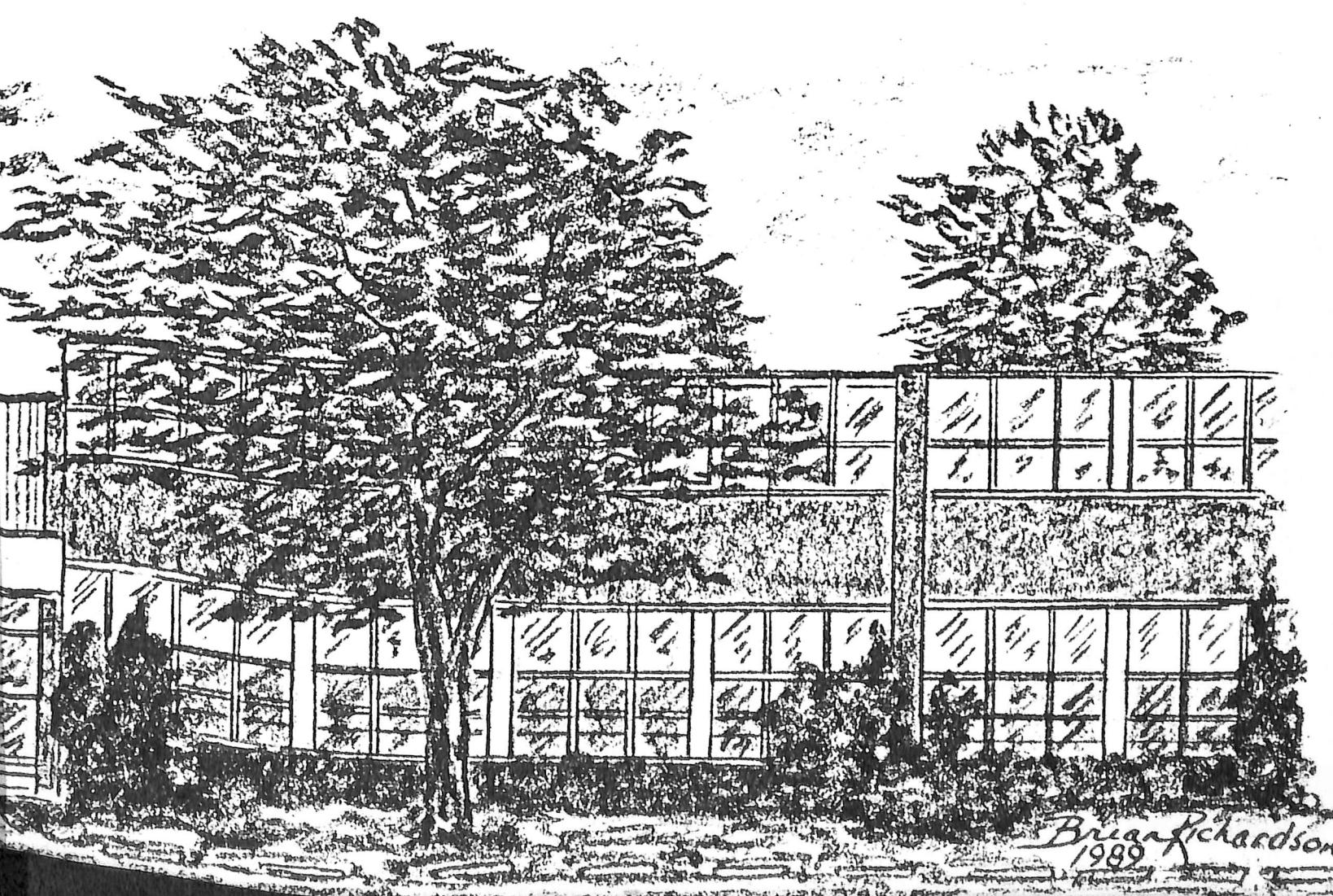
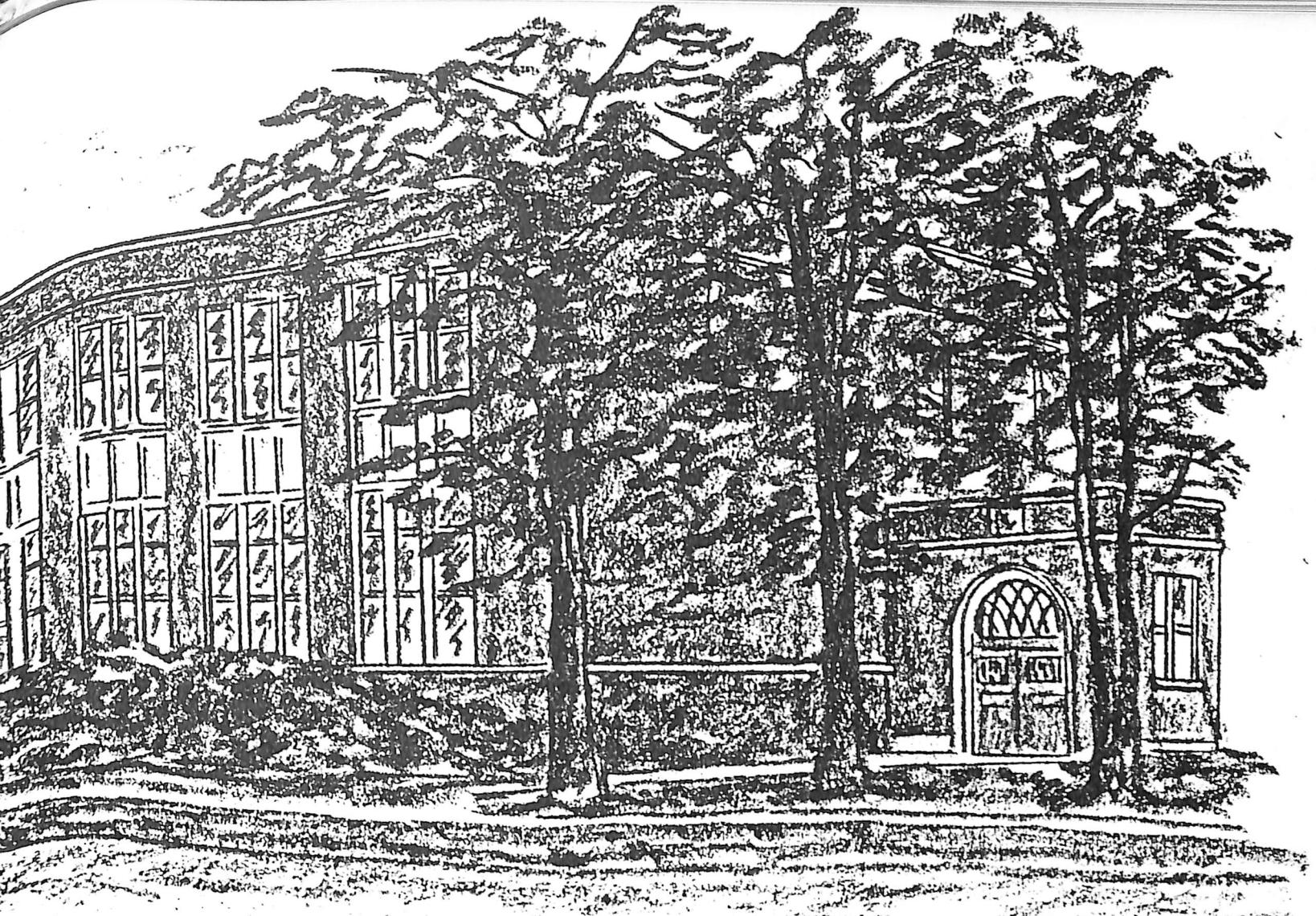


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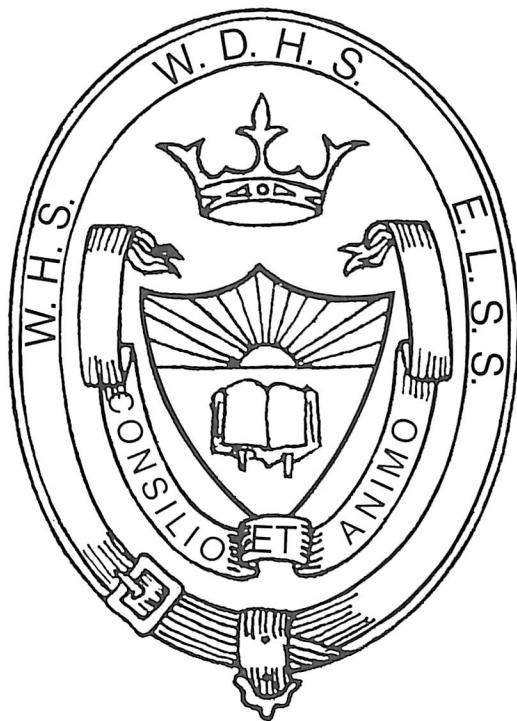


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A Message From The Centennial Book Chairman

This being the year in which we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Watford High School, volunteers gathered with a great deal of enthusiasm to commemorate this occasion. It was decided to publish a book in honour of our school's centennial. To make the vast amount of material manageable, the book committee was subdivided into decades. Thanks to the many people who sent pictures, memories and ideas, the task was laid before us. Many hours were spent reminiscing. What fun we had sharing past memories and experiences of our high school days! It was challenging to properly depict each decade accurately within a limited number of pages.

The committee and I would like to thank Dianne (Hollingsworth) Wright for her drawings for each decade; Brian Richardson for granting us permission to use his sketches of the school on the endsheets; the E.L.S.S. staff and custodians for their co-operation; Kevin Prosser of Friesen books for his assistance; the sponsors and donors and all those who contributed in any way.

I have been very fortunate to have had a dedicated committee.

1891-1929 — Alex McLaren and Eleanor Collings

1930-1939 — Mary Ross

1940-1949 — Ray Morningstar

1950-1959 — Jean and Gord Richardson

1960-1969 — Ethel Edwards and Kathy Morris

1970-1979 — Carol Williams

1980-1991 — Susan Hoeksema and Bob Bork

Principals and School History — John Beaton and Alex McLaren

It is with great pride that I present this centennial book of cherished memories.



G. A. Richardson



Left to Right: Susan Hoeksema, Ethel Edwards, John Beaton, Jean Richardson, Kathy Morris, Mary Ross, Eleanor Collings, Ray Morningstar, Alex McLaren, Gord Richardson (Chairman) in front. Missing from photo: Bob Bork and Carol Williams. Car courtesy of Wallis Motors.



THE LAMBTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

One hundred years is more than a life time for most of us. The passage of a hundred years makes us examine the lives of those of the past who have influenced us and had a positive effect on East Lambton Secondary School. Inevitably, people find it easier to examine the past than look to the future. The past provides us with images and memories which help to understand the present.

Looking back to the beginning of ELSS, we are compelled to examine the future. Undoubtedly, the future for the first students at the school was a few years, probably to the end of their secondary years. Perhaps, the original Trustees of the school even looked further, not only to the existing students but also to the students in the elementary schools in the area and the preschool children in the community. It would have been very difficult for any of them to think in terms of 100 years in the future.

One hundred years has come and gone. It is very difficult for us to think in terms of the next hundred years. Students, whom we shall never know, will be reflecting about the past from a future beyond us. They will share the same pride that has been a tradition of the school since its beginning 100 years ago.

Everyone has benefited from the work of our predecessors. In the next century, we look with anticipation to the accomplishments and success that the graduates of ELSS will achieve to make our world a better place to live.

East Lambton Secondary School's students and staff should feel proud that they, too, like the rest of the Watford community are setting the stage for our future.

Congratulations to all the members of the Centennial Committee for their efforts to make this celebration so successful.

Duncan Longwell
Chairman

School Song (Original) 1953

Words: Stanley Warden

Music: Lena Miller

F Bb F Bb F
 Wat-ford District High is the school we praise —.
 Place of hap-py mo-ments of our youth- ful G7 C7
 days —.
 F Bb F
 We're proud to shout and tell the world that we — Have
 Bb C7 F G7 C C7
 gone and go to Wat-ford, The school of vic-to- ry —. Our
 F Bb F C
 col-ours high we proudly wave as on to win we go —. Con-
 F Bb G7 C
 si- li- o at an- i- mo will al- ways let us know — That
 F Bb C C7 F
 we will win if we will try with cour-age and with zeal. —. Our
 F Bb F Bb F
 Wat-ford District High IS the school we praise —.
 Place that we'll re- mem-ber in our com- ing G7 C
 days —.
 F Bb F Bb F
 Al-ways there'll be Wat-ford High her place to hold —.
 Bb C7 F G7 C7 F
 Proud-ly ever proud-ly, The school of purple and gold —.

School Song (Revised: A. Kerr) 1974

Words: Stanley Warden

Music: Lena Miller

C7 F Bb F
 East Lamb-ton is the school we praise —.
 G7 C7
 Place of happy moments of our youth-ful days —.
 F Bb F
 We're proud to shout and tell the land that we —.
 C7 F G7 C7
 Go to East Lamb-ton, The school of vic-tory. — Our
 F C7
 col-ours high we proudly wave As on to win we go —. Con-
 F Bb C7 C7
 sil- i- o et an- i- mo will al- ways let us know That
 F Bb C7 F C7
 We will win if we will try with cour-age and with zeal — East
 F Bb F
 Lamb-ton is the school we praise —. Place that we'll re-
 G7 C7 F Bb
 mem-ber in our com- ing days —. Ev-er East
 F Bb F C7
 Lamb-ton High her place to hold —. Proud-ly ev-er
 F C7 F
 proudly, The school of purple and gold. —.

The Principals of the School

The first principals of the school are better called headmasters or principal teachers because there was not a high school building until 1891 and then there were only four classrooms.

When the school opened in September of 1891, the headmaster was Mr. W. W. Jardine, B.A. and his assistant was Mr. W. Shotwell. A third teacher, Miss Ross, was hired that year because of the increased enrolment.

Mr. Charles Potter, B.A. became principal in 1892 and remained for a number of years. His name appears many times in reports of school activities from 1892 until 1915. We have on record a picture of him from the *Watford Guide-Advocate* and a letter of recommendation written by him for Eliza Hair.

He apparently vacated his position of principal of Watford High School in December, 1910. In a programme of the W.H.S. Old Boys Reunion, dated Tuesday evening, December 27/10, a presentation was made to him as "ex-principal" with an address read by Arthur Zavitz.

Lorne Williams held the position of principal in 1911. But that is not the end of Mr. Potter. An article in the July 28, 1912 edition of the *Watford Guide-Advocate* reported that Mr. Potter had accepted a position as principal of the Ridgetown Collegiate. However, a report of the board minutes the following month stated that he was engaged as principal in Watford in 1912 at a salary of \$1500. Apparently he returned as principal of Watford High School after an absence of a year and a half. He was the chairman of the commencement programme in 1914 and remained until June of 1915.

The July 16, 1915 edition of the *Watford Guide-Advocate* gives a detailed report of the board minutes at which it was decided to engage a Mr. Follick as principal for September, 1915 at a salary of \$1500. Either Mr. Follick's stay in Watford was very brief, or, more likely, he never arrived at all because there is no other mention of him. Instead, Mr. A. B. Steer, B.A. became principal in the fall of 1915.

Mr. Steer was a colourful principal who, from all reports, behaved strangely.

In Mr. Steer's report to the Board for the 1917-1918 year, he states: *The stern, steady drive of the staff is evidenced by*

the splendid record of last year and the equally splendid record given below (i.e., for 1917-1918).

When the Board attempted to dismiss Mr. Steer in the spring of 1920, he refused to be dismissed. The Board members appeared at the school one morning and locked the door against him. He wrapped himself in a large Union Jack, apparently to show them that they could not touch him, and stood outside the southwest corner of the school. He was finally forced to leave, but in the meantime the students enjoyed a day's holiday. The people of Watford later read in the newspapers of Mr. Steer's suicide, apparently by jumping off a bridge into the Niagara River.

writer and wrote a book about Ottawa called *Ottawa Past and Present* which was published by Musson Book Company in 1927. He is reported to have also written a book on geometry. He left Watford for Fort Frances in the summer of 1929.

Chronology of Principals

Aug. 1891-June 1892	W. W. Jardine
Sept. 1892-Dec. 1910	Charles Potter
Dec. 1910-June 1912	Lorne Williams
Sept. 1912-June 1915	Charles Potter
Sept. 1915-Spring 1920	A. B. Steer
Sept. 1920-June 1925	Murray Cameron
Sept. 1925-June 1927	W. O. Erb
Sept. 1927-June 1929	A. H. D. Ross
Sept. 1929-June 1956	Harry Miller
Sept. 1956-June 1970	Frank Michie
Sept. 1970-June 1977	Lorne Gilroy
Sept. 1977-Dec. 1982	Mait Edgar
Jan. 1983-June 1985	Gene McCaffrey
Sept. 1985-June 1988	Frances McLean
Sept. 1988-Present	Robert Dell



Photo by Adams
CHAS. POTTER, B. A.

Miss Hester McCaw was appointed acting principal to complete the school year, and Mr. Murray Cameron, B.A. was hired as principal in the fall. Mr. Cameron remained until 1925.

The staff in 1924 consisted of Principal Murray Cameron, B.A. (at a salary of \$2,600); Miss A. B. Mitchell, (\$1,850); Miss A. J. Minore, B.A., (\$1,700); Miss H. E. A. McCaw, B.A., (\$1,850); and Mr. W. O. Erb, B.A. (\$2,200).

In 1925, Mr. Erb had become the principal and he was replaced in 1927 by Mr. Alexander Herbert Douglas Ross, M.A. Mr. Ross is remembered as being a very clever man but not a very good teacher. He taught mathematics. He was also a



Harry M. Miller, B.A.

Mr. Harry Miller came to Watford as principal of Watford High School in 1929 and served until his retirement in 1956.

He was born in Aldborough Township in Elgin County in 1889. After completing elementary school, he worked at home on the farm for a time. In his early twenties, he returned to high school in Dutton. He enrolled in Queen's University in 1915, but his education was interrupted by the First World War. After the war, he completed his education and began teaching mathematics in Parry Sound. Then he taught in Exeter, Alvinston and Lucan before becoming principal of Watford High School.

Mr. Miller is remembered as a firm but fair disciplinarian who gained the respect of all those whom he encountered. He was a tireless worker not only in the school but also in the community.

Harry Miller died in October, 1975 and is buried in the Watford Cemetery. Mrs. Miller died in 1989.



Frank O. Michie, B.A.

Mr. Frank Michie came to teach Science and Agriculture at Watford District High School in 1948 and was principal from 1956 until his retirement in 1970.

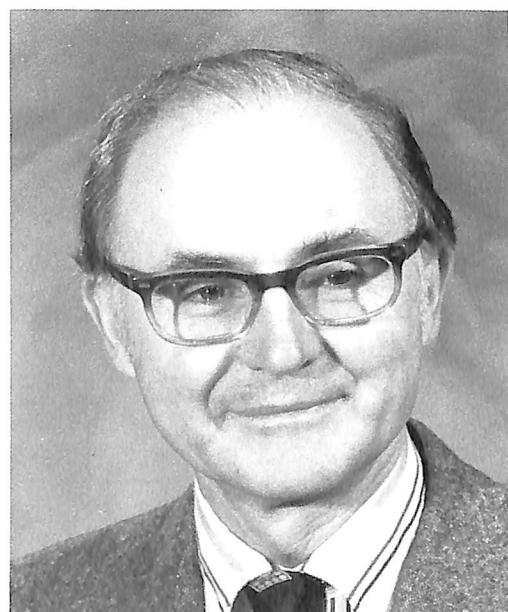
Mr. Michie was born on a farm near Kinley, Saskatchewan and received his secondary school education in Saskatoon. He graduated from Saskatoon Normal School in 1930 and began his teaching career in a one-room school at Big River in Northern Saskatchewan. His next school was in Wadena, and from here he enlisted in the R.C.A.F.

He was sent to St. Thomas, Ontario for training as an airframe mechanic. Then he was posted for a time on Vancouver Island and, after receiving his commission, served several postings in Quebec and finally at the Release Centre in Toronto at the end of the war.

While Mr. Michie was in St. Thomas he met, and later married, Violet Kratz. Mr. and Mrs. Michie had two children, Doug, who lives in Windsor and Franney, who died in 1958, a victim of cystic fibrosis.

After the war, he completed his education at the University of Toronto and accepted a position in Watford in 1948.

In 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Michie moved to Kingsville. Mr. Michie died in 1985 from carcinoma of the bone marrow and is buried in the Watford Cemetery.



Lorne Gilroy, B.A.

Mr. Lorne Gilroy was principal of Watford District High School from 1970 to 1977.

It was during his time as principal that some of the greatest changes took place in the school. In June of 1970 the enrolment was 315; in September of the same year it had increased to 360 and later reached an all time high of 499. Two portable units were placed at the north end of the school for dressing rooms and showers. The "credit system" and universal individual timetabling were introduced. The number of business and commerce subjects offered was increased. The latest building project (1973-74) was completed and the name of the school was changed to East Lambton Secondary School.

Mr. Gilroy was born and raised in Brooke Township and attended Watford High School. After graduating from London Normal School he taught in Alvinston and was principal of Watford Public School. In 1954 he was engaged as teacher at Watford District High School and became principal in 1970.

He and his late wife Mary (nee Ferguson) raised two sons and one daughter on his farm in Brooke.

Mr. Gilroy enjoys his retirement from teaching by remaining active in the operation of the Gilroy Farms with his sons and in the Watford Rotary Club where he has been secretary for ten years.



M. E. "Mait" Edgar, B.A.

Mait Edgar served as principal of East Lambton Secondary School from September 1977 to December, 1982. During this time he played a leading role in the building of the community track facilities behind the arena. Besides his teaching and his family of three boys and three girls, Mr. Edgar was interested in all kinds of sports and community activities.

Mr. Edgar was born on a farm near Wingham in 1929. He graduated from Wingham District High School and began his teaching career in a one-room school in Goderich Township. He also taught elementary school in Milton and Clinton and secondary school in Clinton, Exeter and Petrolia. He served as Head of the Geography Department in Central Huron Secondary School in Clinton and as Vice-Principal at Lambton Central Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Petrolia before coming to East Lambton Secondary School.

Since Mr. Edgar's retirement, he devotes much of his time to community service and his work as a financial planner.

A Message from Mait Edgar:

Congratulations to Watford District/East Lambton — to students past and present — to staff, custodial, secretarial and teaching. We are all proud of our "track" record.

Eugene McCaffrey, B.A.

Mr. Gene McCaffrey served briefly as principal of East Lambton Secondary School from January 1983 to June 1985. Mr. McCaffrey began his teaching career in his native Sarnia in 1956 at Central Collegiate following graduation from the University of Western Ontario and the Ontario College of Education. He was appointed Head of the History Department at Northern Collegiate in 1963, only to return to Central as vice-principal in 1967. When Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School opened, he became its first principal, but he returned to Central Collegiate as principal until the school closed in 1982. Mr. McCaffrey came to East Lambton as principal in January, 1983 where he claims he rediscovered the joys of a small school — where he was able to do some classroom teaching and some substitute coaching of teams. He found it not unlike St. Pat's High School in Sarnia which he entered as a grade 9 student in 1946. An opportunity to conclude his career in Sarnia as principal of St. Clair Secondary School ended his brief tenure at East Lambton in 1985.

A Message Note from Mr. Gene McCaffery:

My lasting memories of East Lambton are of a most professional staff and a hard-working student body, both with an intense loyalty to and pride in their school, a very supportive staff of secretaries and custodians who shared that commitment and whose friendships he treasures, and a caring, supportive community whose love of East Lambton Secondary School helps sustain its tradition.



Mrs. Frances McLean, B.A., M.Ed.

Mrs. Fran McLean was principal of East Lambton from 1985 to 1988.

She was born and raised in Blenheim where she received her elementary and secondary education.

After attending the University of Western University in London, she taught in Whitby, Windsor and Glencoe prior to coming to Sarnia in 1965. She taught mathematics and guidance at Central Collegiate for eleven years and was assistant to the superintendent at the Lambton County Board Office for three years. Then she served as vice-principal of Northern Collegiate and Vocational School for three years and at St. Clair Secondary School for another three years.

Since her retirement from East Lambton in 1988, Mrs. McLean has spent much time travelling and visiting her daughters in Montreal and Charlottetown.

Robert J. Dell, B.Sc., M.A.T.

Mr. Bob Dell became principal of East Lambton Secondary School in September, 1988 and still holds that position. He was raised in Windsor, Ontario and received his secondary education at Patterson Collegiate. He earned his Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering degree at Queen's University and was employed in the chemical industry from 1958 to 1960.

Mr. Dell accepted a teaching position with the Sarnia Board of Education in 1960 and began his teaching career at Northern Collegiate. He became Assistant Head of Science at Northern in 1963 and Head of Science at Northern in 1963 and Head of Science at Central Collegiate in 1965, a position which he held until 1978. He spent the year 1969-70 furthering his educational studies at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island where he graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching, Chemistry. From 1978 to 1980 he was Co-ordinator of Staff Development (K to 13) for the Lambton County Board of Education. Before coming to Watford as principal, he served periods as vice-principal of both Sarnia Central Collegiate and Sarnia Northern Collegiate.

Mr. Dell is married and has two sons (also a daughter deceased in 1983). His wife Nadyne teaches at St. Clair Secondary School in Sarnia, one son is a chemical engineer in Burlington and the other resides in Vancouver, British Columbia.



ROBERT J. DELL, B.Sc., M.A.T.

Principal



JEFFREY D. ALLEN, B.H.K.

Assistant Principal

East Lambton Secondary School

Established 1890

To Former Students and Friends of the Watford High School:

One Hundred years of service to the town of Watford and the townships of Brooke, Euphemia and Warwick is certainly a cause for reflection and celebration by all those fortunate enough to have spent part of their adolescence in the High School in Watford. Hosting most of the Centennial Committee meetings during the past year has given me an opportunity to tap into part of the past as the members of this committee relived their own experiences and began to piece together the long history of the school. It made me aware of how constant has been the pride shared by students of the school, a sense of belonging that has not been dimmed except by their ability to remember. The enthusiasm for the formidable task of organizing this celebration is a measure of their commitment to the school, the importance they attach to the friendships they established as Watford High students and the memories they hope to share with many of their friends and classmates in 1991.

We, the current staff and students of the school, are working together to equip our young people with the attitudes, knowledge and skills that will allow them to lead successful and satisfying adult lives. Although our world and the demands it makes on its people have changed dramatically many times during the history of the school, the challenges of the transition from adolescence to young adult remain substantially the same. The staff at ELSS is as proud to be associated with the young people of this area as teachers of this school have always been, and I expect that the current group of students is as committed and enthusiastic as the many classes of young people that say proudly, "I went to Watford".

As the current principal and a new arrival at East Lambton Secondary School, I believe that the major reasons for the long success of the school have been a close association between the school and the community, a sense of common interest and purpose, and a fierce loyalty to the school demonstrated to me by so many of the members of this community during the past two years.

The staff and students of East Lambton Secondary School hope that all who attend the Centennial Celebration enjoy the opportunity to relive the excitement of their high school days. We want you to know that the spirit of "Watford High" is alive and well.

Sincerely,

R. J. Dell
Principal



The History of the Watford High School

During the 1800s, Watford students who passed their entrance examinations were obliged to attend high school in Strathroy. Some were required to board there and others rode the train daily. In 1877 and 1878, the *Watford Advocate* listed some students from Watford who were attending high school in Strathroy.

The establishing of a high school in Watford must have been a matter of discussion for several years. The leading editorial of the *Watford Advocate* for February, 1975 congratulated the town on its decision to open a high school. At this time, it was decided that in the long run it would be better to construct a building rather than to rent suitable premises.

The *Watford Advocate* carried a letter on May 5, 1875 from J. A. Tanner of Warwick Township decrying the idea of establishing a high school in Watford. He suggested that checks should be placed on this "high school movement" lest it run itself "into beggary". An editorial in the October 12, 1888 edition of the *Watford Guide-Advocate* (The *Guide* and the *Advocate* were amalgamated in January, 1886) supports the idea: *Watford wants a High School and should have it. However, the Warwick Councillors who would naturally be*

expected to be favourable to the scheme do not edge up to it very kindly. The youth of Warwick would be greatly benefited if Watford secured the desired addition to its educational system. — *Sarnia Sun*

The March 18 edition of the same newspaper carried the following comment:

We understand there is a petition travelling through the township of Warwick protesting against a High School in Watford with such a small district. If it will be the means of getting part of Brooke, we say travel on petition.

The first high school classes in Watford were held in the old Town Hall building. Apparently this building has been moved several times. In 1875, it was on St. Clair Street one-half block west of Trinity Anglican Church. Later it was moved to Ontario Street and has been used until recently as a blacksmith shop by Ben Winter. It was demolished in 1989.

A High School Board was formed in 1888. At least, it was the High School Board that made a recommendation to Council on April 3, 1891 that a high school building be constructed. In the April 8 edition of the *Watford Advocate* appears a report of a special meeting of Coun-

cil. At the meeting, a motion was passed granting the request of the High School Board that a High School building be erected and equipped for \$7,000. The same article mentions that it was a matter of regret that this move had not been taken three years earlier when the Watford High School Board was formed.

This motion was apparently acted on immediately, with the hope of having the school building constructed and ready for classes that fall. The Secretary is reported to have been in touch with other communities about the cost of construction, and a deputation was sent to visit neighbouring communities to obtain more information.

The next problem was where it should be located. Several suggestions were made: the Driving Park, the Hawken property between Ontario and Huron Streets or a plot on the McGregor Survey by St. Andrew's Church. Apparently the Driving Park was considered to be the best location.

However, it appears that the construction of the school building did not advance as rapidly as expected, because there is a reference in the Public School Board minutes of a

meeting in July, 1891 at which permission was granted to the High School Board to hold classes in the Town Hall School until January, 1892. According to J. C. Smith's *Local Siftings of the Past*, W. W. Jardine and W. Shotwell had been engaged as teachers on August 7.

Again in *Local Siftings of the Past*, we are informed that on June 5, 1991 the contract for building the Watford High School was awarded to A. Gerhard for \$4,977.

The *Watford Advocate* carried a report of an informal opening of the school in the Music Hall where the opening exercises took place on Monday morning, August 31, 1891. The Music Hall was an auditorium on the second floor just north of the Watford Inn. The Chair was taken by Dr. Harvey, chairman of the Board, who gave an appropriate opening address. There were also addresses by W. P. McLaren, R. McLeay, T. Kerfoot and Inspector Barnes. The headmaster, W. W. Jardine, and his assistant, Mr. W. Shotwell, were introduced to the school and each gave a short address. Rev. J. H. Graham, Rev. R. Hay, Reeve Shirley, J. Bodaly and Wm. Cowan also made a few remarks.

The work of organizing the classes was then proceeded with. Seventy-six pupils presented themselves at the opening. The article went on as follows:

The Watford High School starts out under most favourable auspices and there is no reason why it should not take a leading position among the educational institutions of the county. We have the assurance of the High School Board that nothing will be left undone on their part to secure the desired end.

However, the official opening did not take place until January 8, 1892.

A report of this formal opening appeared in the *Watford Guide-Advocate* in a short history of the school on December 13, 1946 written by Bill Coristine. Over one thousand people attended the official opening. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Cowan, Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario. Students and teachers, led by the Watford Silver Band, paraded from uptown to the school.

At this time the building, designed

by Mr. Buffield, consisted of four classrooms. A complete general curriculum was taught including science, elementary agriculture and horticulture.

Attendance increased considerably during the first few years and a room in the public school had to be used. (A new Public School Building had been constructed in 1894.) In 1927, there were so many beginners in Form I (Grade 9) that the class had to be divided and a sixth teacher engaged. The Library Board granted the use of one of its rooms, and so the classes of the school were then meeting in three places, further increasing the difficulties of organization.

In April of 1927, a by-law was passed to raise the sum of \$40,000 for the complete remodelling of the old building and the addition of three more classrooms as well as a combined gymnasium and auditorium. The Board of Education engaged the services of D. R. Franklin of Toronto, who was the architect of the new \$900,000 high school in Petrolia. Despite a shortage of tenders and of materials, because of the large amount of construction taking place at this time, the Board proceeded with these plans and the construction was completed in November of 1929.

Soon, there were new requirements. In February, 1938 the local inspector of high schools addressed the High School Board concerning new vocational courses being offered in many high schools, a general shop course for boys and a home economics course for girls. Later that month the Director of Vocational Education for Ontario met with the Board and suggested a two-room building, the province providing a 50% grant. Although the Council approved this addition in May of 1938, construction did not begin immediately because the Council learned that Strathroy, Petrolia and Glencoe had deferred action and that Forest had decided not to proceed without informing other local Boards of their action. A Citizens' Meeting in Watford approved the two-room addition by a vote of 103 to 83 in October, 1939.

During the years 1939-1940, a two-storey brick addition was added to

the back of the old portion of the building to house a general shop and a home economics room. This addition cost \$13,200. The construction was done by Hiram Moffatt and the plumbing and heating by W. H. Brown. Two hundred people attended the opening of this addition on November 8, 1940.

In 1946, the Alvinston School Board and the Watford Board of Education, including Brooke and parts of Warwick and Euphemia Townships were amalgamated to form the Watford District High School Board. This was made possible through a Lambton County by-law passed in June of that year. This meant that all the students from Alvinston Continuation School were enrolled in the Watford District High School and that bus routes had to be planned and buses obtained for transportation in September.

With this increased area from which to draw students and with the increased accessibility provided by buses, the enrolment in the school increased and more room was needed.

The next construction stage was completed in 1955. This consisted of modern offices, staff rooms, three science laboratories, washrooms, one upstairs classroom and an upstairs snack booth and lunch room/classroom.

By 1957, an extension of four more classrooms was seen necessary. However, a lack of agreement among the reeves and clerks of the five municipalities prevented action being taken until 1959. This addition consisted of one regular classroom and a library/classroom on the second floor, and two science laboratories on the ground floor.

On January 1, 1969, a county system of school boards came into effect in Ontario, and the Watford District High School was taken over by the Lambton County Board of Education. The school was renamed East Lambton Secondary School. That year the school was visited by the Minister of Education, Mr. Bill Davis, who at that time promised top priority for any Lambton Board request to refurbish the building.

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Watford High School Memorial

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Watford, Ont., May 1st, 1920

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Literary and Athletic societies of the Watford High School intend to place in the High School building a brass tablet in memory of those students who fell in the late war. For this purpose a committee has been formed representing the staff, students, ex-students, and the Board of Education. It was felt that all former students would be interested in the plan and might like an opportunity to contribute to the fund. Consequently the committee in charge decided to write to all ex-students whose addresses could be secured. It was thought best not to ask for subscriptions above one dollar, as the idea was that a large number of ex-students might be represented on the subscription lists, rather than to secure a few large individual amounts. Subscriptions should be sent before June 15th to the Treasurer,

MISS H. B. MITCHELL,
 Box 27, Watford, Ont.



Teachers 1914 from left Miss McCaw, Mr. Erb, Miss Mitchell.

The History Of Our Crest

The school crest is a legacy of Mr. A. H. D. Ross who was principal from 1927 to 1929. Margaret McElroy Redmond tells us that Mr. Ross had great school spirit and decided to hold a competition for the best design. Miss Steen was the art teacher at that time and she was the teacher assigned to carry out the project. Mrs. Redmond tells us that her class was woefully wanting in design skills, but there was one artistic student in her class, Kathleen Ballard, who won the contest.

The Friday, April 22, 1927 issue of the W.H.S. Mirror includes a picture of the crest and the following explanation:

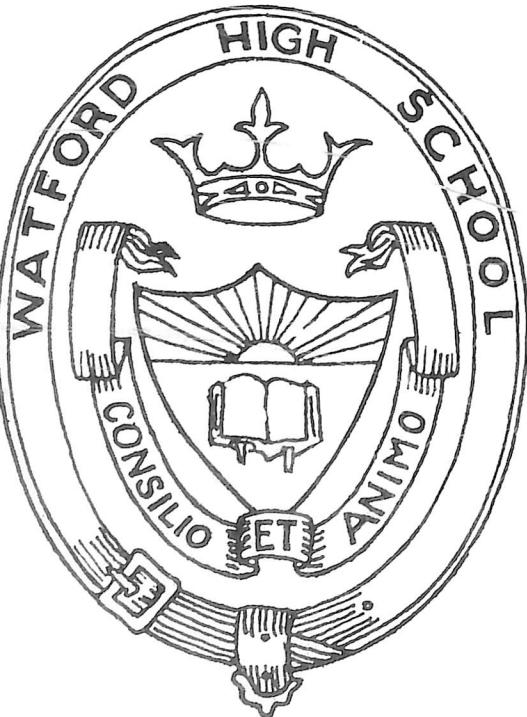
Our Coat of Arms

Coat of Arms, the general name for armorial bearings, come to us from the days of the Crusaders. For it was in those early days of war against the Saracens that the blazoning of shields borne so proudly by knights of Christendom was reduced to order and subjected to central authority.

Watford High School has finally secured its coat of arms and may this crest prove a greater impetus to the students, as they pass through high school and finally launch out on life's career, to do higher and nobler things. May its motto always be ours, — "Consilio et Animo", "by wisdom and courage" as we labour toward the reward of successful endeavor, and, in doing so let us be faithful and true to our ideals.

Since its adoption as the official ensign of the school, the crest has become steeped in tradition. It was blazoned in concrete above each of the two entrances of the school.

The crest has remained virtually unchanged over the years. However, the concrete blocks over the entrances are gone and the name of the school has changed, but in 1991 the crest is still at work inspiring students to "labour toward the reward of successful endeavor".





W.H.S. Memorial Bell and Tablet

On this ninth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which terminated the Great War, it will be of interest to the students and graduates of the Watford High School to learn something about the steps taken to perpetuate the names of all students who laid down their lives for King and Country.

In 1920 a Memorial Committee was organized to collect money for the erection of a Memorial Tablet. The students in attendance contributed twenty-five dollars; and, during the summer, ex-pupils all over the continent sent in some two hundred and twenty dollars. In the fall someone suggested the idea of a memorial bell, which was purchased from the McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore. Including the duty, this cost approximately \$278; which wiped out the funds on hand. It was still felt, however, that the original idea of a memorial tablet should not be given up. Accordingly the students in attendance put on an exhibition basketball match with the Forest High School and raised the sum of \$71. Through the kindly interest of Mr. Armstrong, then East Lambton's member in the Federal House, the Customs Department at Ottawa refunded the duty on the bell; this sum being added to the nucleus of \$71 raised by the students. Not being satisfied with a brass tablet, the students then decided to raise

enough money to purchase a bronze one. As they had already contributed most generously, the Board of Education came to the assistance, supplied the amount still required and placed it in the position. On it are the names of the twenty-one students who sacrificed all that we may live, and at the bottom the motto *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*. On the memorial bell in the tower, the inscription is *In memory of students (of Watford High School) fallen overseas 1914-1918*. Inside the building itself the tablet will always serve as a memorial and inspiration, whilst for all outside it the message of the bell will be heard at least twice a day.

— Watford Guide, 1927

(The brass tablet referred to above is stored in the school — as well as a stained glass window from the original building. Plans are being made to have these two items repaired and permanently displayed in the school for the 1991 centennial celebrations.)

The Bell

(as remembered by Ron Wallis)

In the summer of 1972, a Sarnia-based construction company began to dismantle the original portion of the Watford High School to make way for the construction of a new school building. During the work, they found a belfry which

contained a large brass bell, with the inscription, "In memory of students of Watford High School fallen overseas, 1914-1918." The bell was subsequently taken to the company's sale yard in Sarnia. Soon thereafter, Glen Goudy, a Legion member from Sarnia, chanced upon the bell, and was shocked that Watford would discard a gift that, he thought, had been donated by the Canadian Legion. He immediately drove to Watford and alerted legion members Colleen and Hughie Macmillan to the impending destruction of the bell.

As in most small towns, everyone knows everyone else. Colleen called Phyllis Thrower who called Ron Wallis of the Watford Historical Society, who called Bruce Sharp, then Reeve of the village.

Ron and Bruce were determined to have the bell returned at once. They drove immediately to the wrecking yard, only to be told that Watford High School no longer had any claim to it. The intrepid rescuers called in reinforcements, namely, the Lambton County School Board and the O.P.P.

Justice prevailed. After a short time in storage in the School Board facilities, the bell was restored to its rightful place in the front entrance of East Lambton Secondary School for all to see.





1922



1923



1933



WATFORD



WATFORD HIGH AND VOCATIONAL





1937/38



1939/40



1944/45



WATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

1961



1948



1951



1961/62

WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

JUNE 28, 29, 30, 1991



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1891-1929



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The final construction to the present building was begun in 1973 and completed in 1974. The original four rooms and the 1940 shop and home economics rooms were demolished, and a new gymnasium/auditorium was built in their place. The three classrooms over the old gymnasium were removed and the old gym was converted into a staff room with a classroom above, and an industrial arts shop. Also an eight-room extension was constructed on the south end of the building, and one of the existing rooms was converted into a library. The addition was not ready for occupancy in September, so until March some classes were held in the Centennial Hall and some in the arena auditorium. The cost of the addition was \$723,000.

In October of 1982, the Lambton County Board of Education established a School District Study Committee to

study school accommodation in the three rural secondary schools. At the outset, it was apparent that it was the opinion of the Board and its administration that considerable savings could be made by closing the Watford High School and dividing its enrolment between the secondary schools in Forest and Petrolia.

This very serious threat to the existence of a high school in Watford was met by a vigorous and effective campaign by the Watford area citizens and students. As a result, the Study Committee recommended that no change be made in the arrangements of the county schools.

The Board accepted this recommendation at its meeting in June, 1983.

As we approach our 100th year of a high school building in Watford, we have

a thriving educational institution living up to the expectations of the early founders.

The building consists of ten regular classrooms; two rooms equipped for business studies and a computer room; three science laboratories; a library; a family studies room; an art room; a gymnasium/auditorium with accompanying change rooms; and a general workshop. There are also offices, staff rooms, storage rooms and washrooms.

A full range of academic and commercial courses are offered and those who wish to take subjects not offered in this school are bused directly to Lambton Central Collegiate and Technical School in Petrolia.

At the time of writing there is a staff of 25 teachers, 4 custodians and 3 secretaries, and a student population of 305.

W.H.S. "Invictus" 1903



Front Row: Charles Wynne, Perce Sipel, Will Rogers, Fred Castleman, Clint Hand. Middle Row: Mr. Ramsay, Art Zavitz, Dunc. Grant. Back Row: Mr. Race, Jimmie Holmes, Charlie Roche, Art. Muma, Mr. Chas. Potter.



High School Chums taken about 1902, from the left Maggie McGugan, Efie Fisher, Bertha Johnson, Mae Hair, Hazel Marwick, sitting Annie Hay.



Class of 1897 Model School Forest. 2nd row from left: Agnes Campbell, Lottie McCordic. Others not identified.

Model Schools

Many of the early graduates of Watford High School who wished to take up elementary school teaching attended Model School in Forest. County Model Schools were established in 1877. In Forest, a separate building was erected in the Prince Street school grounds and the principal of the school was in charge of training. Twenty to thirty teachers were trained annually. At first, this course for teachers was eight weeks in duration. Later it was lengthened to eleven weeks and later still to fifteen.

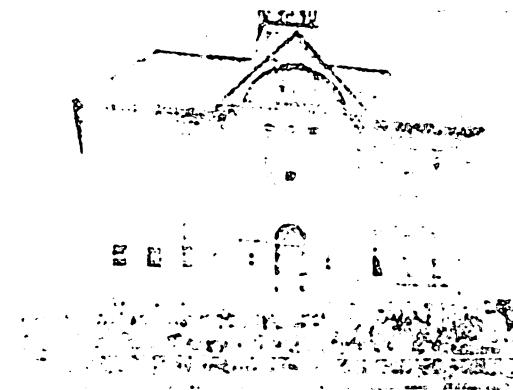
Because there were so many schools in the province and because the course was short, teachers became so plentiful that they were willing to accept low salaries — sometimes as low as \$200 per year — and trustees took advantage of the situation. Mr. J. J. Tilley, the inspector of model schools complained that this course was too short and that the teachers, mainly employed in one-room rural schools, were not prepared to teach newer subjects like agriculture, science and manual training. The county model schools were closed in 1907 in favour of newly created provincial Normal Schools.

Watford High School

Form II

Maggie Bowby
 Madge Ross
 Lemmie Thompson
 Ethel Sisson
 Minnie Tye
 Kate Harris
 Edna Moore
 May Livingstone
 Isabel Harris
 Lena Taylor
 Nettie Dunlop
 Bertie Campbell
 Lulu Crittenton
 Lena Edgar
 Maggie McLeay
 May Miller
 Gertrude Sturgeon
 Mary Hillis
 Ethel Robertson
 Carrie Humphries
 Maud Greer
 Maggie Pilloughby
 Laura Hobrook
 Maggie Saunders
 Lucy Paedy
 Effie Fisher
 Hattie Williams
 Eva Wilson

Hamlet Thompson
 Roland Saunders
 C. McIlveen
 Fred Roche
 Fred Taylor
 Will Rogers
 Dill Currie
 Andy Thorne
 Lew Fenner
 Arch. McIntyre
 Dave Thom
 Archie Acton
 Edwin Walker
 Russell Baird
 John Roche
 George Hall
 Eddie Miller
 D. McLaughlin
 C. Hillis



Watford Oct 11th 94

Miss Eliza Haar was under my tuition at the Watford High School and proved herself to be an attentive, industrious and successful pupil. In 1896 she obtained a First Form and Primary Certificate and in a class of over thirty stood about the highest. This year she wrote at the J.C. Leaving Examination and passed in every Subject but Latin viz which she was only four marks below. In all the important branches viz English and Mathematics her standing was excellent. I consider her one of the cleverest students that I have taught in the Watford H. School. Her deportment was excellent. She is certainly an estimable young woman one who will endeavor to perform her duty faithfully and efficiently.

Chas. Potter, B.A. Principal W. H. S.



Department of Education, Ontario



It is Certified that Meroyl E. Logan
having completed at the Watford
Collegiate Institute, High, or Continuation School
the Middle School Courses prescribed for admission to

The Universities and The Normal Schools

and having passed the Examinations prescribed for said Courses with
Honours at the latter Examination is hereby granted a

Junior High School Graduation Diploma

Midsummer, 1913.

Chas. Potter B.A.

Principal

Peter F. Dodds

Chairman Board of School Trustees



Calla Dolbear, Meroyl Logan, Carrie Sullivan, Dorothy Wordsworth,
1912.



Meroyl Logan, Vallee Auld.

Watford Oct 8th 1904

Miss Hazel Warwick attended the Watford High School regularly for three years and proved herself to be a very industrious and successful student. She excelled in nearly every branch of the course and was one of the best scholars in her form.

She was highly esteemed by the staff and is considered by the entire community as an admirable young woman. I am confident she will do her utmost to perform her duty wherever her lot may be cast. It is also my impression should she engage in the teaching profession she will be eminently successful.

Chas. Potter.
Principal W.H.S.

Excerpts from the
Watford Guide-Advocate.

Aug. 1887-

High School Entrance examinations — Bertha Annett, Arabella Annett, E. Casselman, M. Cameron, L. Cook, M. Dewar, Stella Gubbins, I. Holbrook, E. Hume, S. McManus, G. Martyn, C. Powell, R. Reed, C. Rowland, E. Williams, L. Watson, K. Williamson, J. Howden, A. Laing, C. McLeay, W. Monkman, G. Reed, W. Styles, F. Waugh, T. Westgate, C. Bambridge, M. Greer, O. Hume, L. Kelly, B. Longan, S. Cowan, E. Greer, J. Lucas, Parry Morris, H. Mitchell, and H. Ray.

July 1898-

Henry Conn resigned from the Watford High School staff to accept a position as science master at Walkerton High School.

Mar. 18, 1875-

We understand there is a petition travelling through the township of Warwick protesting against a High School in Watford, with such a small district. If it will be the means of getting part of Brooke, we say "travel on petition."

Mar 10, 1882-

Will our school board be so kind as to give some attention to the out-buildings in connection with our school, more particularly the walks leading to them.

W. H. S.

1891

Old Boys' Re-union

1910

Tuesday Evening, December Twenty-Seventh

Nineteen Hundred and Ten

Officers

Honorary President

R. J. McCORMICK, M.P.P.

President

LORNE WILLIAMS, B.A.

Vice-President

MURRAY MITCHELL

Secretary-Treasurer

A. R. BROWN

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

C. O. FULLER

Patronesses

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

High School Reunion

From *Watford Guide Advocate*, December 1910.

The High School Reunion, the date of which has been set for the 27th inst., is meeting with marked approval and letters are pouring in on the secretary from all sides. If you have not already sent in your subscription, do not delay any longer as the secretary wishes to have the financial statement in shape before the 24th inst. Address all communications to A. R. Brown, Sec.-Treas. Decorating, program and refreshment committees have been established and are preparing many good things for the old boys and girls. If you have any suggestions to offer, hand them to the secretary or any of the executive officers. They will be appreciated. Don't leave all the work for someone else.

From among the many replies received, we print the following as representative of the general feeling in regard to the reunion.

"I consider it a first class idea. Nothing but distance prevents me from being present." — Bert Anderson, Arcola Sask.

"I heartily agree with the action taken by the W.H.S. Wishing you the best of success." — A. S. Zavitz, Queen's University, Kingston.

"Am looking forward to it with pleasure." — Dr. Vern Newell, West Branch, Mich.

Programme

1. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS ... L. J. Williams, B.A.
2. PRESENTATION to Ex-Principal Chas. Potter, B.A.
Address read by Arthur Zavitz and presentation
made by Mrs. Rev. C. M. Wyse.
3. ADDRESSES by ... R. J. McCormick, M.P.P.
C. A. Barnes, M.A., Ex-I.P.S. East Lambton
Henry Conn, B.A., I.P.S., West Lambton
Neil MacDougall, B.A., I.P.S., East Lambton
W. E. Fitzgerald, Reeve of Watford
W. H. Shrapnell, Principal of Watford Schools
4. VOCAL SOLOS ... Miss Lilla Ross, Mrs. L. Millar,
Messrs. F. R. Luckham, C. S. Wynne.
5. INSTRUMENTALS — Miss Margaret Hume, Miss Pearl
Saunders, Arthur Wynne, Murray Mitchell,
Watford Orchestra.
6. REFRESHMENTS served by the Daughters of the Empire
7. AULD LANG SYNE



1912 Students



Russ Trenouth



Harold Leach

The salaries of the school teachers in Ontario have been advancing pretty rapidly of late, but they have some distance to go yet before they reach the standard of the West. Miss Lizzie Murphy of Mount Forest who teaches school at Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, now receives a salary of \$175. a month, the board having granted her an increase of \$25. per month.

(*Watford Guide Advocate*, 1910)

Arthur M. Wynne, son of the late J. B. Wynne, formerly of Watford, has passed his exams for Master of Arts at Queen's University, Kingston. He also took the gold medal in the chemistry classes.

(*Watford Guide Advocate*, May 1915)

As I Remember It

by George E. Tait

On a warm spring morning in May 1926, a group of us were standing outside Watford High School discussing prospects for our annual cadet inspection, just a week away. A lad never at a loss for words said, "From a military standpoint it will be a good show but not as much fun as a school dance or a hockey game." The rest of us nodded heads in full agreement. You see, we didn't know an unrelated but coincidental factor was to make the coming event so sparkling it would be remembered fondly for more than sixty years.

Root cause for the remarkable sequence that followed was a spring rainfall two days before inspection date, a downpour so heavy that it turned the Watford Fair Ground into a junior swamp. In fine weather this spacious area lying next to the high school was a very pleasant spot where meadow larks sang, wild strawberries grew and dandelions tossed gold across the grasses. However, in rainy weather it presented a less idyllic aspect. Actually, the Fair Ground was very important to us for it was there we played baseball, held field days and conducted cadet operations.

Soggy conditions just before inspection day caused a pall of gloom to settle over the cadet corps for we imagined ourselves sloshing around in mud and water. If we had to do it, we would do it but believed privately that it would be impossible to have a proper inspection on squishy terrain. Going on parade in dirty boots was one of the worst crimes a cadet could commit, a crime equalled only by marching off in one direction while everyone else was heading elsewhere.

As it turned out we need not have gone through all that mental agony because the town council agreed to cordon off, for a limited period, a whole block of clean, dry pavement in the business section of Main Street. This welcome decision produced smiles all around.

The big day dawned with sunbeams and fuzzy white clouds in a blue, blue sky. For some minutes after the town bell tolled 7:00 a.m., I remained in bed listening to mixed and muted sounds: coo of pigeons, laughter of small children, chatter of a grey squirrel, rumble of wagon wheels and the thump, thump of a well pump. Without getting up, I could tell it was

a great morning.

After a leisurely breakfast, I polished my boots once more and touched up brass buttons on my tunic. While dressing, I took special pains in wrapping puttees in spiral fashion over my trouser legs from ankle to knee level. This effort required skill and patience because if pulled too tightly they caused leg pain and if too loosely they sagged in the most distressing fashion.

When I had finished dressing, my mother looked me over critically and finally nodded approval. Grandma handed me a clean, linen handkerchief while saying, "George, put this in your pocket. A boy never knows when he will need one." Actually, I considered a white handkerchief to be unsuitable with a khaki uniform but decided not to debate the issue. I put it in my side pocket.

I left our house on Erie Street earlier than was necessary because it was such a delicious morning and I didn't want to miss anything down on Main Street. On the way one block westward, I said good morning to the milk man, patted a friendly puppy and loitered in front of the blacksmith shop to watch a big mare being shod. On reaching the Public Library corner, I turned left on the east side on Main Street walking slowly past the tailor shop, dentist office, plumbing shop, ice-cream parlour, Lyceum Theatre, barber shop and Bank of Commerce. Then on a few more yards to where the war memorial stands.

A goodly number of cadets were already on hand, some along the sidewalks and others out on the reserved section of pavement. Those who were veterans of previous inspections talked quietly among themselves but younger ones seemed a bit tense as they practised

turns, salutes and rifle movements. A surprising number of extroverts strutted about in brisk, military fashion before the high school girls who cheered and waved.

The proposed plan for formal inspection was to have the main body of cadets facing north in the direction of the Public Library while the small bugle band stood on the sidewalk facing west. I took my place with the latter group, a kettle drum on a broad strap slung over one shoulder. On looking about, I realized that my position was an admirable one for it provided a clear and unobstructed view of unfolding history.

As the minutes ticked away, more and more citizens arrived to see the coming performance. Across the street I could see here and there in the crowd the mayor, police chief, librarian, editor of the Guide-Advocate, postmaster, high school principal and medical doctor. Parents and dear friends of the cadets, of course, made up the major portion of the total assembly. It took more time than usual to get us into formation because we were used to having more space for movement. When this task was accomplished, we stood at ease waiting quietly for arrival of the inspection officer. Minutes later, we came smartly to attention as he appeared on the scene . . . a tall, lean major with a ramrod back and a chest dotted with service ribbons. He got right down to business. As we cadets stood stiffly to attention, chests pushed out and stomachs pulled in, the major moved slowly along the ranks, his eyes taking in a myriad of details. Not a single rifle barrel, boot, puttee, belt,



W.H.S. Bugle Band 1929

Front: Harold (Cricket) Annett, Grant Lovell. Middle: Bob Bruce, Cecil Dolbear. Rear: George Tait, Burt Myers, Avery Dodds.



Cadet Inspection June 1929

Harvey Stapleford, Cecil Parker, Hanley Millar, John Cran, Unknown, Carl Class, Avery Dodds, George Tait.

In background — Leslie McIntosh, Mr. F. Beaupre and Rev. J. H. Hosford.

brass button or hat angle escaped his attention. After he passed by me, I began breathing again. Following this procedure came a period of marching in varied formations and after that a tricky bit of rifle drill. Everything went extremely well, much better than expected. No one dropped his weapon, got out of step, or wheeled the wrong way. It was absolutely beautiful. Having completed the active part of the programme, the major began a speech during which he congratulated us on our high level of performance.

On turning my head to the right, I noticed a large truck coming down Main Street in our direction, a truck I knew was employed in the transport of farm animals to the railway stockyards. Please keep in mind that cadets, facing north, could see the vehicle, but the major, facing south, could not. The truck driver being unable to run over the major and cadets, turned right at the old post office corner diagonally across from the bugle band. Having cleared the corner, he stopped the truck to see why so many people were on the sidewalks and out on the pavement.

Under ordinary conditions, the presence of the truck would have made no impact on our proceedings, but in one respect the conditions were not at all normal. I couldn't believe my eyes when I noticed the tailgate of the truck had jogged upward in its side brackets thus leaving an open space along the bottom. That in itself was surprising but much more so was the fact that hindquarters of a big white pig hung through the opening. A few seconds later, the entire animal slid to the roadway, bounced and gave a surprised squeal. Grins appeared among the cadets but there was no response from the major who kept on talking.

A second pig dropped downward, directly on top of the first one, with the result that both let loose again with the most unearthly squealing I had ever heard. Their comrades still remaining in the truck joined the duet in swelling chorus. It was precisely at that moment that military decorum broke down completely as cadets burst into uproarious laughter. Two rifles fell to the pavement and a young cadet, losing his balance, sat down suddenly. The major made a smart about face and calmly viewed the scene as pig after pig landed on the roadway and began running. When it became obvious to onlookers that pigs were loose on Main Street there was a wild scramble to get away entirely, to seek refuge nearby or to get into action against the invaders.

Our senior cadet officer shouted some orders, but I could not hear the words due to a particularly high level of sound at the time. However, I noticed immediately afterward that a group of older, bigger cadets broke ranks and marched off to rescue women and children. The following movements by pigs and humans were so complex and widespread I had difficulty in detecting any central cohesive pattern. I just stood there with my mouth open, eyes darting here and there.

Because store doors were left open on that lovely morning, a number of women and small children took refuge inside, and so did a pig or two. Shrill shrieks of ladies and outraged roars of men could be clearly heard. Out on the street it was every man, every cadet and every pig for himself. What complicated matters was the astounding agility of the pigs who, in spite of short legs, ran like antelopes and dodged about like jack-rabbits. I am sure that the majority of those pigs squealed so loudly because they were frightened, but a few of the younger ones gave the impression that they were having a wonderful time play-

ing with the boys. How can one really tell if a squeal is a squeal of fear or a squeal of joy?

A portly, well-dressed gentleman puffed across Main Street and dived into his Model-T Ford. A young mother wheeling a baby carriage gasped in dismay and retreated toward the Fire Hall. An elderly man holding his cane as if it were a sword dared the enemy to attack. Two cadets were bowled over as an intrepid porker tried passing between them. One bright pig, escaping from the main scene of action, headed for the skating rink pursued closely by a single cadet. A spaniel barked and joined the fray. A car driver slammed on his brakes as a pig made a wild dash across the street. To sum up the situation, I would have to say that this was without a doubt the most colourful, dramatic and action-packed affair I have ever witnessed. I can tell you it was inspiring to watch.

Those of us in the bugle band were required to stay where we were for we had received no command for either movement of dismissal. By this time we were laughing boisterously, slapping backs and all talking at the same time. Our merriment rose and fell a number of times only to rise again when one of the buglers said, "This is the best inspection we ever had."

Eventually we became aware that a relative quietness had settled over Main Street. The level of noise had dropped and the pace of action had slowed. Weary pigs in twos and threes were being driven toward and loaded into the waiting truck.

My jaws and ribs were aching from sustained laughter, my eyes damp with tears. I sat down on the curb and thrust a hand into my side pocket. Grandma was right. A fellow never knows when he'll need a clean linen handkerchief.

Social Revolution Of The 1920s Felt At WHS

by Orville J. W. Shugg

When my classes of 1921-27 registered at Watford High School, the world was in a new kind of uproar. World War I had come and gone, and nothing would be the same again as the greatest social revolution of the twentieth century changed our ways.

Slowly but surely, the social mores of WHS changed, in sync with pressures from outside and inside. We embraced jazz, danced the Charleston, smooched, smoked cigarettes, tipped now and then, dressed flamboyantly, and occasionally were prone to behavioural excesses of one kind or another. So probably it was a good thing that we were subject to the disciplines of old WHS, as much as we deplored their confining strictures.

In spite of the social changes taking place in our society, and to a lesser degree at WHS, superior academic objectives were being pursued and maintained by a group of dedicated teachers. There were, however, certain diversions from the scholarly fare, originating more often than not from our 1921-27 class. In that class, originally numbering thirty-five or forty, there were twelve men and an equal number of women who today might be described as activists. They could be counted on to be involved in most extra-curricular activities around the school. During our years at WHS, this was the group which supplied most of the personnel for the men's track, basketball, hockey and baseball teams and the women's track and basketball teams.

Also, it was the class of 1921-27 which proved to be a source of talent in the organization and operation of the first WHS "orchestra", a combo with an odd instrumentation; the annual "WHS Mirror"; the Hallowe'en prank to end all Hallowe'en pranks; concerts at the old Lyceum Hall; springtime plunges into the icy flood at Brown's Creek; tea dances; athletic events; catching rides on slow, east-bound freights, in unknown preparation for the Great Depression just around the corner; boxing matches in the CNR station, and so on and on and on. It should be noted that not all of the activities listed above were co-educational in nature.

In due course, members of our class of 1921-27 passed out of WHS into the workaday world, or into university for specialized training. Wherever they went — to a job or to a university — they suffered the furies of the world depression which struck in 1929 and remained to haunt them for years to come. But, in spite of the economic severity of the Depression, our class of 1921-27, like most of the people who passed through WHS in the last one hundred years, came to appreciate the training and associations we experienced at our old high school. The years spent there helped us prepare our way into a fascinating spectrum of human activities. For instance, the classmates of 1921-27 found their

way into a wide variety of vocations: home-making, medicine, teaching, nursing, news gathering and dissemination, business, accounting, secretarial services, farming, advertising, social services, public service, writing, broadcasting, music, engineering and art.

Of course many of our classmates are now gone, but those of us who are left remember the Watford High School of the 1920s with affection. It was small in those days, but it was a learning institution with a purpose and a heart. It was a place to make friends and, above all, it was a rock of sanity which sustained us in those confusing times.



"Friends For Life"
Bill Coke, Orville Shugg, Ford Steadman.
W.H.S. 1922

Do-It-Yourself Pole Vaulters

Until that day in London, in 1924, Orv Shugg of Brooke Township had never seen anyone pole vault. As a member of the WHS track team, he had just won the school's first ever WOSSA medal in the intermediate 880-yard run; but he had eyes for nothing but the pole vault then underway in the infield.

Later, Shugg would say of that day, "In amazement, I watched big, lanky Johnson from Sarnia Collegiate throwing himself over the bar to win the event. I was so taken with the rhythm of it all that right there on the spot I made up my mind I'd be a pole vaulter. I knew WHS had nobody who could coach pole vaulting, but that didn't matter. I'd get a book from the library."

After the London meet, Shugg went home to the family farm and right on back to the woodlot where he looked for a nice straight maple sapling. Finally, he selected one about the same size and length as the bamboo vaulting poles he had seen at the meet in London. Next, he built a pair of standards to hold the crossbar, dug a pit to land in and, by the trial and error, sought to imitate the jumpers he'd seen in action the week before. He also borrowed the appropriate "how to" book from the Watford Public Library.

When school opened in the fall of 1924, Shugg persuaded Principal Murray Cameron that WHS should purchase a standard 12-foot bamboo pole such as was used by vaulters everywhere. Eight months later, in May of 1925, Shugg jumped to a new WOSSA pole vault record at the annual meet in London.

For the next ten years, WHS dominated pole vaulting at local inter-school meets — and at WOSSA — out of all proportions to what might have been expected from a small school without a coach. It had been shown that small schools could compete effectively against the coached athletes from large city schools represented at WOSSA. WHS students had taken note and showed themselves willing to commit themselves to a programme of do-it-yourself vaulting instruction and practice. Notable among WHS do-it-

yourself vaulters in the late 1920s and 1930s were Harold "Cricket" Annett of Brooke Township and Ross Parker of Watford.

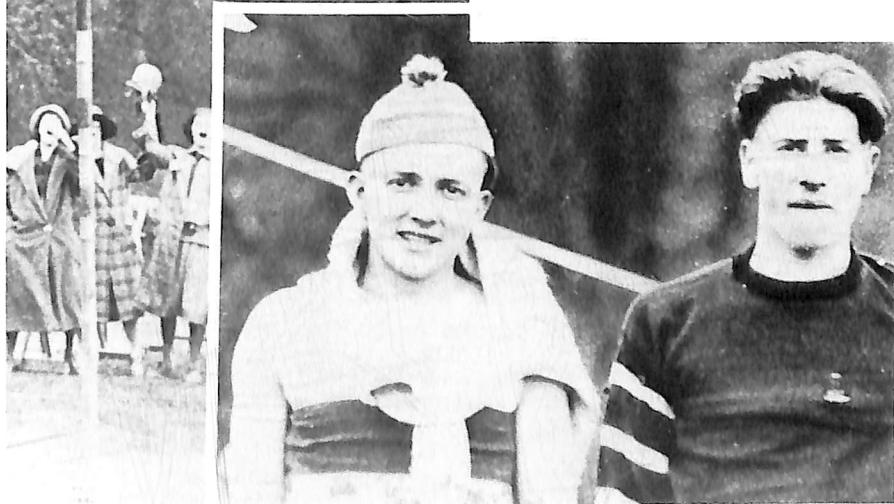
Said Shugg of this phenomenon, "In the early 1930s, it was a great pleasure for me to sit in the stands of Little Memorial Stadium at Western and watch another WHS pole vaulter do his stuff. It was Ross Parker of Watford in great form, and winning another WOSSA first place medal for the old school, the home of do-it-yourself pole vaulters."

Editor's Note

Orville Shugg lives in Ottawa where he enjoys retirement from the communications field. However, he keeps active as a Civic Hospital volunteer every Tuesday afternoon.



Orv. Sugg of WHS Breaking WOSSA pole vault record, London May 1925. In background, WHS Supporters Connie Kelly, Margaret Bailey and Doris Kelly. In foreground, Shugg, and runner-up A. Zinc of Windsor-Walkerville Tech.





2nd year Watford High School 1916

Girls

Fern Waddell
Sadie Cran
Evelyn Cowan
Hettie Zavitz
Alfreda Mitchell
Lulu Wells
Pearl Wells
Blanche Lucas
Florence Mc Gugan
Josephine Rogers
Josephine Gavigan
Jean Cameron
Lillian Blain
Alice Leacock
Verna Acton
Ella Acton

Florence Mc Donald
Sadie Mc Gauslan
Reita Freer

Boys

Tom Mc Cormick
Earnest James
Edgar Prellis
Austin Potter
Burton Cook
Michael O' Meara
Charlie Fitzgerald
Lee Smith
Toth

Can you pick them out?

Recollections

The first High School classes were held in the old town hall, located on St. Clair Street, half a block west of Main St. This building was later moved to Ontario St. and used by Mr. Ben Winter as a machine shop.
(from *Watford Historical Society*)

From Celestine McManus

When she attended High School all students residing in Watford were required to pay \$1.00 a month or \$10.00 a year tuition fees. Students from the country did not have to pay tuition, supposedly because they were paying board in town. This angered Mr. McManus, who paid taxes on 3 properties in town, and who was not very co-operative in providing Celestine and her sisters with the needed money.

From Dorothy (Delmage) Dolbear

I was a good runner and jumper in the field day events, and was chosen to represent Watford at the WOSSA meet in 1925. I learned from Ellen Lucas, just the night before the event, that I could not compete without black bloomers. My mother was determined that I should compete although she was no sewer, she took one of her black skirts and stayed up all night sewing my bloomers.

From Reita (Freer) Cran

Reita and other students from the Kerwood area came to school each day by train. They often walked two miles to the station to catch the 8:30 a.m. train. A book of tickets for a month cost \$2.35, and the train crew were known to hold the train if the students were seen approaching on the road.

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has passed the ENTRANCE EXAMINATION required by the Education Department for admission
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Dated at Watford — July — 1903 — James M. MacBane, M.A.
Inspector of Public Schools

Form 17a
M.A.O.O.—5th January, 1900.

Successful Candidates for 1915

ENTRANCE TO FACULTY OF
EDUCATION

Miss Callie Dolbear	Miss Dorothy Wordsworth
" Meryol Logan	Mr. Harold Leach
" Carrie Sullivan	" Russell Trenouth

ENTRANCE TO NORMAL SCHOOLS

Miss Anna Hobbs (Honors)	
Miss Shirley Pressey	Mr. Basil Ramsay
Mr. James McPhedran	" Franklin Smith

ENTRANCE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Miss Vallee Auld	Miss Florence MacDonald
" Ella Acton	" Alfreda Mitchell
" Jean Cameron	" Josephine Rogers
" Evelyn Cowan	Mr. Burton Cook
" Sara Crau	

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

MISS E. McCaw	Moderns and Classics
" B. MITCHELL.....	History, Literature and Art
MR. A. R. BROWN	Mathematics
" A. B. STEER (Principal)	Science

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**Spring Lunacy on Brown's Creek
In The Antic 1920s**

by Orville J. W. Shugg

An annual rite of spring observed religiously by number of WHS males, in the 1920's, took us east on the railroad tracks to the bridge over Brown's Creek. There, assured that the cakes of ice were moving freely downstream on the flood, we defied the chilly winds off Lake Huron, as we stripped the clothes from our shrinking bodies. Since there was no great consensus for standing around, there was naught to do except the manly thing.

Alright then . . . with an animal roar, a dozen or more reluctant boids hit the water, careful not to land on the floating cakes of ice. The collective gasp of in-taken breaths created a vacuum which could be felt for miles around, and many a heart missed a beat or two in the icy rinse. And it was a "quick rinse", for no high-stepping halfback ever stepped higher than we did as we high-tailed it out of the water, up the shore and into our non-cooperative clothing.

As we straggled along the tracks back to town, we could have been easily mistaken for members of clan St. Vitus, so active were our teeth chattering. But it mattered not that we were cold and shivering, convention had been served and all was right with the world, even though we felt drafty and uncomfortable around the edges.

Recollections of 1926-1931

by Margaret McElroy Redmond

I started attending Watford High School in September, 1926. Our principal, who was also beginning his new job, was Alexander Herbert Douglas Ross, a graduate of Queen's University and an author. He had written a book on the history of Ottawa and a book on geometry, a subject which he enjoyed teaching and on which we were well drilled on the basics.

Mr. Beaupre taught agriculture (science). He was an excellent teacher. Two of the lady teachers were Miss Steen and Miss Bartrum.

As the high school had become overcrowded, we had our morning lessons in the public school, the east room downstairs. (We girls entered by the south door.) Among my classmates were Velma Parker, Jessie Spalding, Irene Janes, Marjorie Hicks, Norma Kidd, Marjorie Tanner, Helen McKenzie, Gertrude Luckham, Margaret Leach, Alma Westgate, Kathleen Ballard, Graham Woods, Herb Hayward, Jim Murby (Kerwood), Victor Kidd, Herbert Tait, Laird "Charlie" Stapleford, John Hollingsworth, Harold "Cricket" Annett. There were nearly 30 altogether I think.

Some of the boys teased Miss Bartrum until they sometimes had her in tears. At recess, she returned to the high school and Miss Steen (whom Miss Bartrum met on the way and told her problems to) took over. Three times a week we were supposed to have Latin and then a spare. Three times a week Miss Steen bawled us out all Latin period and then taught us Latin during the spare. The other two days the boys went to the Armories (the present firehall) where Mr. Beaupre drilled them as cadets. We had physical education in the classroom — such as it was.

Miss Steen taught us art in the high school in the afternoon. Mr. Ross had great school spirit. He thought we should have a school crest. So it was to Miss Steen's art classs that the task was given of designing a school crest. Since we had had no lessons in design, I'm sure many of our efforts were quite hopeless. However, in our class was Kathleen Ballard who was very artistic. Her design was chosen. The motto, "Consilio et Animo", (by wisdom and courage) was chosen by the teaching

staff. (The last I heard of Kathleen, she had a ladies' dress shop in Hamilton. Her father owned a clothing store in Watford where the present Stedman's Store is.)

In the summer of 1928, George Stephenson was given the job of building the first addition of a hall across the front of the school with a gym below and three classrooms above and two teachers' rooms at the end of the hall. And in the basement were indoor toilets, showers and washbasins. Previously, there was an outdoor, several-seated privy on the south side and, I presume, one for the boys on the north side of the old four-roomed school.

The school was not finished in September. The baseboards were not put on and the steam furnace wasn't hooked up, so we can remember sitting with our coats on and our feet tucked up on our seats to keep them warm while the northwester blew in. Birr!

So we began form III to the merry tune of pounding hammers. To say the least, it did nothing to improve Miss Steen's temper (nor my love for Latin or ancient history which she taught). Before we froze, our school was completed. More teachers had been added to our staff. Students came from Arkona and Alvinston Continuation Schools and also from Kerwood by train.

By this time, Miss Steen and Mr. Ross had got on each other's nerves so badly it was pitiful — or amusing — whatever your attitude happened to be. Mr. Ross had a rule that if you were late you had to go to him and explain the reason. Then he gave you a "late" slip which you handed to your classroom teacher. One morning Jack Kersey, who drove into town each day, was late. He went to Mr. Ross who was busy and who sent him to his classroom without a "late" slip. Unfortunately, it was Miss Steen's class. She immediately sent him back to Mr. Ross for his "late" slip. Mr. Ross said, "It's okay. Just go back to your classroom." Miss Steen wouldn't let him in and sent him back to Mr. Ross for his "late" slip. Mr. Ross sent him back again and decided he'd have to settle this issue. Miss Steen decided at the same time that Mr. Ross had better obey his own rules (and was undoubtedly taking

fiendish delight in catching him off guard). She headed for the classroom across the hall where Mr. Ross was teaching. They met! Both classroom doors were wide open, and Jack sauntered chuckling into the classroom while the row went on.

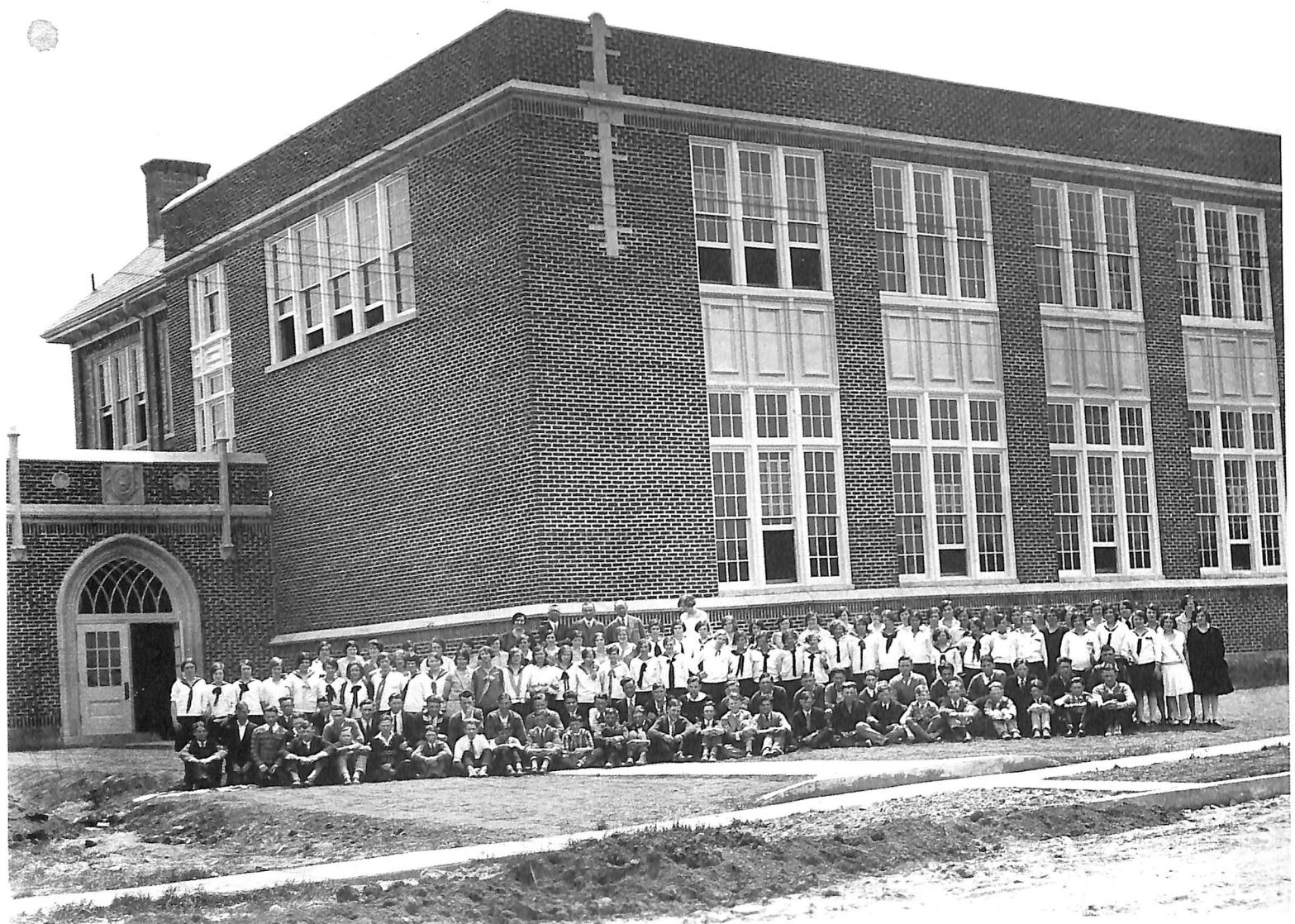
The students were divided in their loyalties in the battle until one day at noon when the two mighty enemies were rowing in the hall. The students who drove into town ate their lunches in the classrooms. Now Jack Stanton ("Humpy Jack", everyone called him) was the custodian. Everyone was fond of Jack, who had had his back broken. Jack was fond of Mr. Ross and had suffered blasts from Miss Steen in the past. The row got so bad that Jack interceded, and Miss Steen said to him, "And you shut your mouth, you insignificant little hunchback." That turned the whole student body against Miss Steen.

When spring came, both Miss Steen and Mr. Ross decided to leave Watford High School and get away from each other. So they both applied for other positions. Would you believe it? They were both hired to teach in Fort Frances.

In January of 1929, the official school opening and the graduation exercises were held. In the south end of the gymnasium a platform was built of planks and wooden egg crates from Stapleford's. Among the graduates were Adeline Evans, Annie Watson, Helen Ross, Isobel Tanner, Jessie Woods, Mary Reid, Gladys Janes and others.

In September, Harry Miller became our principal. Miss Steen was replaced by Miss Phoebe Brock from England. And I found to my surprise that Latin was easy and enjoyable. Miss Margrette taught modern history, Miss Ida Ross taught French, Adam Graham taught agriculture and chemistry. Chemistry was a disaster. Mr. Graham would get half way through a chemistry problem and get stuck, and then he would say, "We'll look in the book and see what it says." He told us girls that if we didn't like chemistry we'd never be able to cook. And with all our painted nails we'd never be able to do chemistry. (So I presume all my cooking failures have been due to my painted nails.)

Watford High School — June 1929



Cadet inspection 1927. Reviewing Officer, teacher Mr. F. Beaupre, Rev. J. H. Hosford, and School principal A. H. D. Ross.



Watford High School, 1926-1931

by Jean W. Spalding

Beginning my education at Watford high school caused me some apprehension. This was primarily because my public school education had been in a one-room rural school with the security of having one teacher for the entire day and knowing all the students and most of the community. At high school, I would have several teachers and know only a few individuals. However, I was determined to succeed.

The first impression I had of Watford High School was that it was a large building. Yet it consisted of only three classrooms, a laboratory and some offices for the teachers. There was no assembly hall, no gymnasium and no library.

The principal was Mr. A. H. D. Ross, who taught mathematics. In form I, he taught our class algebra. He would bluster into the room and, in a sonorous voice, direct some student to go to the blackboard to do a designated question. If the student could not complete this assignment satisfactorily, Mr. Ross's method of teaching was to show the students how with a minimum of explanation. Some days, we observed him leave the school about 11 a.m. and drive off in his Ford coupe. He might not appear for the rest of the day. In our immaturity, we assumed he was taking off for the day, not realizing he also had commitments away from school.

Our Latin teacher was Miss Steen, who also had students use the blackboard to do work. If the student did not succeed, she would take two chalk brushes and place one over each ear and move them back and forth repeating, "Donkey, donkey." Such teaching did not produce self-confidence. However, about two-thirds of the class were successful and commenced form II.

By this time, the enrolment at the High School exceeded the accommodation, and an addition to the building was required. Consequently a room was used at the Watford Public School with form I there in the morning and form II in the afternoon. What a blow to our egos to be obliged to return to a public school! During the afternoon, one teacher was present, a Mr. Tilden, a rather timid individual. We created innumerable problems for him, and undoubtedly he wished he had never encountered us.

Form II began with approximately one-half of the original number. There was an improved attitude and industry among the students. They were also very interested in the attire of their teachers.

One teacher, Miss Needham from Aberdeen, Scotland, received our approval. After some pay days, she would go to London and purchase two new dresses which to our eyes were chic. Miss Needham established a good rapport with the class and the response to her teaching was good. When we caused her frustration, she would stand at the front of the room and wave her arms uttering the phrase, "Koom-a-way." At times we functioned to produce this reaction by her.

In form III, we began the writing of departmental examinations. (These exams were set and marked by the Ontario Department of Education.) The cost of writing each paper was \$1.50. During the Great Depression, this placed a financial burden on many parents.

During this period, the first addition to the high school was completed. It provided a new laboratory, three classrooms, new offices for the teachers, lunch rooms and a gymnasium. The gymnasium was used for sports, assembly and social functions. In the basement, there were separate lunch rooms for boys and girls. The lunch tables and walls were painted battleship grey. These rooms provided lunch hour accommodation for the students who drove to school or took the train from the surrounding district.

One member of this group found chemistry to be a difficult subject to master. To deal with her frustration one day she wrote "CHEMISTRY" over one of the tables several times. When she was identified, the punishment was to remove this offensive writing and repaint the table at her expense.

Mr. A. H. D. Ross resigned in 1929 and was succeeded by Mr. Harry M. Miller. In stature, Mr. Miller was small but in action mighty. He taught mathematics and was a strict disciplinarian who treated students fairly.

In form IV, our French teacher, Miss Massecar, taught us to sing O Canada in French. (Who would have surmised that some seeds of biculturalism were being sown at Watford High School in the 1920s?)

Our science teacher was Mr. Beaupre, a rather conventional individual. He continued to wear an out-dated pair of orange-coloured oxfords. One day he appeared in a pair of black oxfords, which received our silent approval. But next day he appeared with his orange shoes heavily re-soled. As he walked to the front of the room, an enterprising stu-

dent at the back of the laboratory sang, "O, dem golden slippers". The result of this was that the class received a two-week detention period.

In form V, there was an increase in class membership. This was partly because some students remained in the form for two years and partly because of the arrival of students from the continuation schools in Alvington and Arkona. The one traumatic experience of the year was the trigonometry examination set by Mr. Miller in December. When the examination was received, the students analyzed it and, without any pre-arranged action, the majority of them walked out of the room. Mr. Miller announced that this action would be taken to the Board.

At this time, examination results were published in the *Watford Guide-Advocate*. This report indicated the student's name, the number of examinations written and the average mark. Following this trigonometry problem, the class average was submitted as a zero in this subject; this produced some rather unfavourable results.

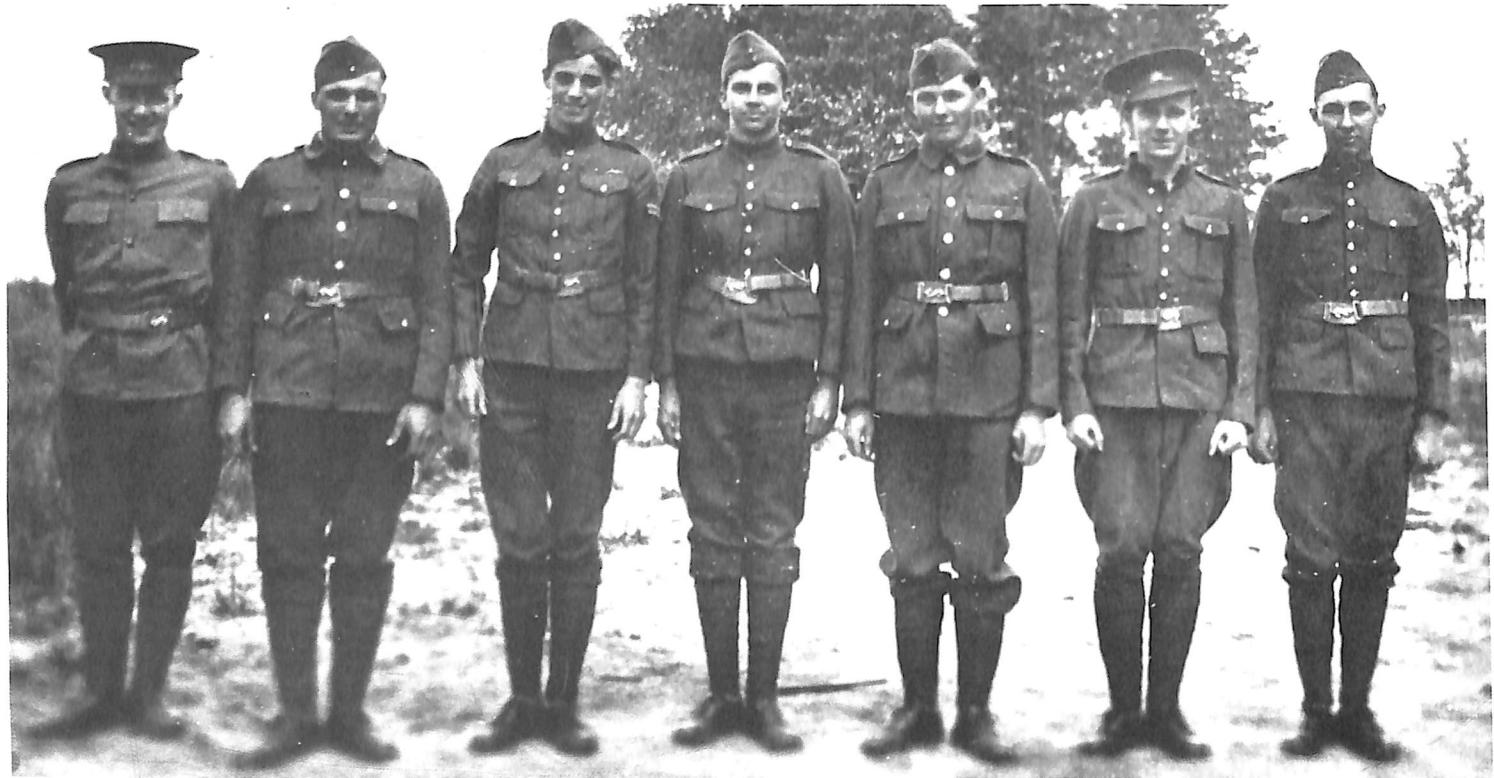
Watford High School had a student government which dealt with student affairs and initiated most of the social events. The highlight of these events was graduation. On this occasion, each girl was required to wear a white dress and each boy a suit.

Athletic activities increased after the construction of a gymnasium. In the fall, there was an athletic meet involving Forest High School, Strathroy Collegiate and Watford High School. A Cadet Corps existed for the boys.

A high school education at this time insisted on uniformity in the curriculum and conformity on the part of the students. This kind of education resulted in the loss of those students whose talents did not fit into the established pattern. Possibly the major deficiency was the absence of library facilities.

Parents were responsible for the costs of education to a greater degree than today. Students who did not reside in Watford had to obtain accommodation and board in town or drive to school. Bus transportation did not exist at this time.

On the whole, education at Watford High School was of a good quality during these years. It prepared me and my classmates for further education and for life in those middle years of the 20th century.



“Alvinston Giants” on Parade, June 1929

Left to right: Burton Myers, Bruce Gray, Omar Rilett, Dougald Reader, John Luke, Ralph McDiarmid, Bill Luke.

The Alvinston Giants

by Dougald W. Reader

The Alvinston Giants were so nicknamed by principal A. H. D. Ross in 1928. We were the tall ones from the Brooke swamp who had come from the Alvinston Continuation School to finish our high school education. We came daily by car to compete with the smaller ones from Watford and Warwick. We didn't realize the difference in size until it proved to our advantage when they, the Watfordites, were about to initiate us in the gymnasium. One of our group, Bruce Gray, said, "Come and get us," as we backed into the corner of the gym. They didn't, and so we stayed and had to compete intellectually to keep our heads above water — no easy task.

We were from the Brooke Swamp and were not accustomed to the terrible sulphur water in Watford — water that smelled so bad, tasted so bad and turned the taps and faucets green. (I learned to like it, though, more than the 4.4 beer at the Roche House and would like to have a glass of it today.) In Brooke, we drank pure spring water and swam in the

Sydenham. That may have accounted for the height of the "Giants" as compared to the mini-guys from Watford.

The "Giants" felt sorry for the Watfordites who had only a few blocks to walk to and from W.H.S. They missed so much.

We rose early, drove ten miles night and morning to our destination through sun, snow, rain and fog. Sometimes we met hood-high snowdrifts. We always carried a hayfork trip-rope to pull back the lead car (often my high Model T, touring or Star sedan), to buck the drift again and make way for Lukes' McLaughlin Buick touring or Rilett's Maxwell sedan or McDiarmids' Willys-Knight super sedan. The Grays' Model A Ford roadster usually brought up the rear. It was rumoured that we received remuneration for ploughing the roads, but we just did our duty.

There were times when twenty miles might become forty as we detoured through Inwood or took a rough ride along the Grand Trunk tracks from the

10th concession, bump-bump-bump to Alvinston's Pigtail Alley. There were times we didn't make it to school because of a side trip to Rock Glen at Arkona looking for fossils or because of a 10-cent black and white picture show in Sarnia or Port Huron. It all depended on the weather. We had fun synchronizing our departures and arrivals to conform with our timetable. We covered our tracks carefully.

We enjoyed V.I.P. privileges at W.H.S. Nobody questioned us if we were late, early or absent or when Harry Miller, the principal in 1929-30, looked out at 11 a.m. at a threatening sky and said, "You guys had better get going." We indeed felt sorry for the Watfordites who had to trudge through waist-high snow.

We "Alvinston Giants" broke all the rules. We often carried a .22 rifle in our car to pick off an errant cottontail or jack, or to protect me from hi-jackers. On occasion, when automobile licences became due, I carried a big roll of bills and licence applications to the Depart-

ment of Highways' office on Main St. (across from the Roche House), then the plates home to my father's garage and sales agency. It was a free service, but we thought it deserved protection. One day we made a detour to Newbury's Skunk's Misery in search of a car which had been "borrowed" by Orville Shaw. We were the first Brinks.

On another day, I was pulled over by the High County Constable for speeding on the Nauvoo. That was impossible as verified by my witnesses who were "free" passengers. I was driving a Star touring (one of twenty-six different cars we used in two years). It was a trade-in which had a partially plugged radiator. We stopped at Brown's Creek to and fro to take on water. Needless to say, I did not get a ticket.

On another occasion, I almost ate the contents of a W.H.S. pencil sharpener. My passengers' parents made excellent lunches. (I ate my lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnston, my aunt and uncle. He was a barber in Watford.) Frequently Ralph and Omar had something left so we munched on our way home.

As I drove along, they handed me something from the back seat. One can't watch the road for pot-holes, the ditches and rabbits while checking an apple for worms. One has to trust one's friends.

They had been losing an occasional sandwich or cookie from a lunch box in the cloakroom — one pilfered by a Watfordite on his way to the lavatory. Ralph and Omar decided to teach the thief a

lesson, so they traced a sandwich with pencil sharpener shavings. That was the one they handed to me. It was partially eaten when Omar's conscience bit him and he stopped me in mid-sandwich. But it was too late. When I got home and looked at my black tongue, the shavings were long gone and wouldn't come up.

I never got back at Ralph and couldn't fix Omar. You see, his dad was reeve of the town (and had been warden of Lambton in 1927) and my dad was a councillor. Politics prevailed. Nor did I want to jeopardize my relationship with his sister Bea. I was her beau. And later she became my wife.

We "Giants" must have given Les McIntosh a head-ache. He was the C.O. of our cadet corps. We were in unfamiliar territory when we were sent to the Armories to pick up our uniforms. We were all "buck privates". The Watfordites were there before us to get the pick of the uniforms, so who had the longest arms and got the shortest tunic? We were an awkward squad on inspection day.

Les thought we were a mixed-up bunch, but he certainly confused us. We were from the Brooke swamp. We were not accustomed to being shouted at. When he barked, "Right dress", we thought we had forgotten our ties. When he hollered, "Fall in", we looked around for a swimming hole. We believed "Form fours" meant we were going to square dance. How could we drive with "eyes right" and still look for jack rabbits. The

pay-off came when he commanded, "Present arms". That was when we flexed our muscles on Initiation Day.

Because of my innocent demeanor and my habit of carrying a pocket watch, I was selected by Mr. Miller to sit close to the door where the hand-bell sat on the floor. During the 1929 construction of the addition, the electric clocks and bell were without power. I was to grab the bell, step out and ring it in the hall to signify the changing of classes. I was the first one out of the school. It may have been a reward for being the last to select my uniform at the Armories. It was undoubtedly one of my few "firsts" at W.H.S.

In retrospect, I shudder to think of the hard work we accomplished, the dangerous things we did, the fun we had. And I am amazed that we were so serious about our schooling.



Watford High School teachers in 1926.

Miss Jean Bartram

French

Miss Elda Steen

Latin



Class of boys, 1914.



In honour of the Students of Watford:
High School who served in World War II
and in memory of Those who gave their lives

Aeton, Keith	Evans, Adeline	Luke, Lloyd	Houtley, Laverne
Aylesworth, D.	Fitzgerald, W.	Luke, William	Hutherford, F.
Barnes, Lloyd	Fleming, Archie	McDermid, Ralph	Sisson, Leon
Barnes, Phyllis	Fleming, Donald	McGill, Jean	Sisson, Wellesley
Bindner, Raphael	Fulcher, Kenneth	McGillivray, J.	Smith, George
Bowie, Francis	Garrison, Everett	McIntosh, Clare	Spalding, Donald
Brockton, Lillian	Gavigan, J. J.	McIntosh, Mac.	Spalding, Harper
Brown, Allen	Gavigan, Leo	McIntyre, Geo.	Stapleford, H.
Brown, Howard	Gavigan, Ray	McKeeher, E.	Stapleford, L.
Bruce, John	Gilliland, Evelyn	McLaren, Alex	Stapleford, M.
Bruce, Robert	Gray, Hardie	McLean, Melvin	Stevens, Ralph
Bryce, J. D.	Gray, Ralph	Mansfield, V.	Swales, Howard
Burchill, Mary	Gribben, John	Marshall, Ralph	Swan, G. G.
Caldwell, John	Harper, Donald	Millar, L. J.	Tait, Donald
Callahan, Clare	Harrison, D.	Miller, Jim	Taylor, Clair
Callahan, Jack	Hart, Raymond	Miller, Robert	*Taylor, Fred
Campbell, D.	Hick, Anne	Minelly, Gordon	Taylor, Jack
Capes, Wilmer	Hick, Frank	Mitchell, Leeland	Taylor, Raymond
Carmichael, H.	Hollingsworth, C.	Moon, Harley	Thompson, Eric
Chidley, Isabel	Hollingsworth, K.	Moon, James	Thompson, R.
Clark, Ross	Howden, Harold	Morgan, Kenneth	Thompson, V.
Class, Carl	Hurst, Ralph	Noxell, Laura	Grenouth, Const.
Coke, William	Jackson, Clarence	Orrange, Dan	Urie, Douglas
Colburn, Jack	James, F. R.	Orrange, Jack	Ulter, Delos
Corsaut, James	Jones, Earl	Parker, Cecil	*Vail, Donald
Cosend, Norman	Jeffery, Allen	Parker, Ivan	Westgate, Jas.
Coupland, Jack	Johnson, Alberta	Parker, Ross	Westgate, Neil
Cowan, Keith	Just, Basil	Varker, Winston	Westgate, Palmer
Dean, Frank	Kersey, Donald	*Phair, Ernest	Westgate, Paul
Dodds, Avery	Kersey, Dorothy	Prangley, Frank	Willer, Harold
Edgar, Ivan	Kersey, Jack	Prangley, James	Woods, Elmer
Edgar, Murray	Kersey, Laverne	Rapson, Alex	Woods, Jack
Eldson, Lloyd	Kersey, Phillip	Redmond, J.	
	Kidd, Fred	Richardson, G.	
	Kingston, George	Richardson, W.	
	Lawrence, George	Roberts, George	
	Law, Ross	Roberts, Roy	
	Leach, Donald	Robertson, Allan	
	Leach, Laverne	Roché, Clare	
	Leach, William	Rogers, Jack	
	Lett, James	Ross, John	
		Routley, Asil	

* Killed in Action

"Guarding not only hearth and home
but the cause of freedom on Earth"

1930-1939



Memories

Memories — Memories, Memories . . .
INGLE ZIKUS ALEKA ZIKUS
We're from Watford
How do you like us?
INGLE ZIKUS ALEKA ZIKUS ZA
Watford High School
Rah! Rah! Rah!

The old school yell contributed by Franny McLaren brings back memories and still arouses the proud spirit of the old school we attended so many years ago.

Many of us were being away from home for the first time. Many students were very shy and young, some perhaps only twelve to thirteen years of age. Some had completed Elementary school in as little as six years. The big change was dramatic. There was no school bus for transportation. Students roomed or boarded in town. Everything and nearly everybody was so strange. Many poor souls were not even given the opportunity to obtain a High School education.

The first day, two young country girls were left alone in the basement for lunch hour. They were sitting on lockers that were open ended pigeon holes covered by boards nailed securely. After eating at opposite ends for some time, these girls screwed up enough courage to speak. Later they decided to go for a walk outside. Friendship bonded itself so well that those girls still retain a close friendship.

At that time, the village students outnumbered the country students. The timid country kids evaluated these town students by their attitudes and acceptance took time. In time, many of the strange feelings were bridged.

Hazel Tanner Perry relates the very close friendship she enjoyed with Ann and Dorothy Carroll and Natalie Hosford. Natalie helped her so much with her difficulties in Latin with clues, that her troublesome subject yielded her gratifying final results.

In 1935, complete attendance numbered 130 by the end of September when all students who held summer employment drifted back. All classes were called forms. Eg, Form I, to Form V.

Cadets — 1931

On May 15, 1931, the Cadets were inspected by Major Jeffrey. He left a fine impression. Lieutenant Harold Rivers was their commander. Sergeants were Victor Kidd, Laird Stapleford, Robert Bruce, and Grant Lovell. Reeve of Watford, Richard Richardson gave an address for the occasion.

1930-31 Grads

It is to be noted that the graduates earned their requirements about a year before they received their certificate. 1930-31 saw a large graduating class after four years of struggle, problems of school construction, as well as a quarreling staff. The graduates were:

Living
Irene Janes
Norma Kidd
Margaret McElroy
Alma Westgate
Victor Kidd
Bert Kersey
Gertrude Luckham
Margaret Leach
Deceased
Velma Parker
Jessie Spalding
Marjorie Tanner
Kathleen Ballard
Herbert Hayward
Graham Woods
Jim Murby
Laird "Charlie" Stapleford
John Hollingsworth

The last four boys teased their teacher, Miss Bartrum until she would be reduced to tears. By recess she would require consoling by Miss Stern, a feisty lady well equipped with nerves of steel and the ability to amply state her feelings.

1932 Graduation

There does not appear to be any records to obtain a copy for the 1932 graduates, but thanks to good memories, we may present some of the names, and we hope everyone is listed here:

Alex McLaren	Jean Allison
Doris Iles	Reta McLeary
Fred Brown	Evelyn Eastabrook
Harriet Schmidt	Margaret Lucas
Delos Utter	Don Tait
Bill Searson	Harold Rivers
Lyle Vidt	Herbert Tait
George Kingston	Ada Wright
Wilma Evans	Douglas Armstrong

In 1933 Doris Iles received a \$200 scholarship for Western University.

Fun Facts

Mr. Miller teased Jean Allison about the train service between Watford and Alvinston. The train ran tri-weekly. Mr. Miller asked her if it went to one town this week, and returned the next week to

the other town. Alex McLaren chuckles as he remembers how annoyed Jean Allison of Alvinston would become.

About 1912, Grayton Campbell, another student from Alvinston, was killed by a train as he walked along the C.N. tracks west of Watford on the five mile hike to Kingscourt. His sister Effadore, was a well known organist. Their parents were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell.

Bedtime Story

Our Bedtime Story — author unknown
A.L.Gebra

Once upon a time there was a boy and a girl who decided to spend a year at a place called a school, and one September morning they ventured through the gates. Once in, they found many other nice girls and boys.

However, it did not take them long to find out that this place had been misrepresented. It had been pictured to them as a beautiful castle where one played the live long day and had the most wonderful toys. Instead of this, the furniture consisted of monstrous pieces called Desks and in each of these were creatures, more horrible than dragons, and more deadly than Gorgons. Bo Tanny lay like a slimy serpent on nearly every desk. Hi.Story was as a huge python and you had to pick it up at least once a day. La.Tin, Fr.Ench, En.Glish were firey tongued monsters. In fact, they seemed to be mostly tongues and had they been heard together, (though this was never allowed) the din would have been tremendous.

But chief among the dreaded things was A.L.Gebra, who with his squares, signs, and cubes struck particular terror into the heart of the girl. On that day, he told them all to remain after four, and their fear knew no bounds. They entered his lair trembling, wondering what dire calamity was to befall them. A.L.Gebra seemed not to be in the room. In his place was a Fairy, X.Y.Squared. X.Y.Squared began to talk to them of the ways of A.L.Gebra, and as they listened, his ways seemed not so difficult, and his looks not so formidable. The signs and squares were all well suited to him. They all began to play with A.L.Gebra. A.L.Gebra was no longer a monster, but a friend. And so it was with all the other monsters, and so they lived happily together ever after.

Tattle Tales

In the early 31's, students had their extra curricular activities. Ross Hume and Clair Taylor concealed themselves in the boys' cloakroom downstairs to participate in the forbidden pastime SMOKING! Mr. Miller made an unscheduled trip to the cloakroom catching the performance. He was annoyed to say the least. He lashed out at Ross Hume, saying that he would never amount to anything, that he would be nothing more than a ditch digger! Some years later, Ross' well established business was called in to dig up a drain. Mr. Miller came to see how progress was going. He was reminded that his prediction had come true. Ross was a ditch digger — He was also making a living that was not all that bad at that!

On another occasion when the boys were smoking in the gun room, Douglas Campbell tells us that Mr. Miller threatened them with a three week unrequested vacation.

Fun Facts — Cigarettes were sold in a package of 5 for .05 cents a package. The popular pop was Verner's Gingerale selling at about .07 to .10 cents a bottle.

1933 Grads

A few of the 1933 graduates left school to enter upon different phases of life, but most were back one more year taking more academic work. To each was wished "May each of your highest hopes be fulfilled and the greatest ambitions realized".

The Commencement Exercises were held in the Lyceum, a hall on Main St. up town, Friday, December 1, 1933 at 8:00 PM.

Graduates 1933

Verna Mae	Helen Callahan
Brigham	Kenneth Foster
Bruce Hay	Beatrice Spalding
Marjorie Parker	Foster Thompson
Lorne Gilroy	Dorothy
Mons Stapleford	Willoughby
Jack Rogers	Lester Patterson
Jean McLaren	Margaret McLean
Carl Zavitz	Earl Janes
Florence MacKay	Edith Kenzie
Franklin Kenzie	Elizabeth Rose

Teachers

The teachers were H. M. Miller B.A. — Principal, A. J. Graham B.S.A. — Science and agriculture, Miss Edith Hudson B.A. — Moderns and Arts, Elizabeth MacGregor B.A. — classics and Ancient History, J. Ord B.A. — English and History.

Tragedy

Tragedy had a way of raising its ugly head from time to time. Once in the early thirties, two spirited young ladies were having a jovial jost when one started to chase the other in fun. The first girl didn't realize she had run to the front entrance, crashing through the glass. She had to be taken to the hospital where it was necessary for her to receive stitches to close the gash in her arm.

Origin of the White Dresses

Origin of the white dresses

In January 1931, depression had hit. Few girls could afford pretty dresses for graduation. The lady teachers decided that all graduating girls should wear white dresses as this would eliminate rivalry with gowns. Each was given a red rose to carry. These graduates were the first to wear the white gowns and carry a rose, starting a tradition that will be sixty years old in 1991.

Sixteen members of this large class attended London Normal School becoming Elementary School Teachers.

1934-35 Grads

The more I see of the world, the more men I meet, the more books I read, the more questions I answer, the more I come back with increased conviction to the places where I was born or played as a child, narrowing my circles like a bird going home to nest. That seems to me the end of all travel and especially of the wildest travel — to get home!

The 1934-35 graduates:

Ruth Broughton	Marjorie Minielly
Jean Chidley	Muriel MacKay
Rhea Clark	Catherine
Mary Code	McGugan
Keith Cowan	Morley McGregor
Olive Dinning	James Moon
Genevieve	Ralph Myers
Johnston	Winston Parker
Phyllis Lovell	

Genevieve Johnston won the General Proficiency award for Western "U", with a value of \$600.00, Second Carter — \$60.00.

Jack Rogers won the General Proficiency award for Western worth \$250.00.

From 1930-1933, the average marks from the Departmental Examinations from middle and upper school from Watford were consistently higher than the provincial average. After 1934, no more second class certificates were issued. All teachers would require first class certificates from then on.

Tribute

There was an agriculture and science teacher, Mr. A. J. Graham who was presented with a young son later in his life. He was so pleased that he named him for two students — Douglas, after Douglas Campbell; and Alexander after Alexander McLaren. Could he pay a higher tribute to two students?

Fun

Mr. Graham in form V Chemistry class — "The gas in this cylinder is deadly poison. What steps would you take if it escaped?"

Lorne Gilroy "Long ones!"

...

Mr. Graham angrily "Do you ever collect anything?"

Clair Taylor "Yes sir, I collect my thoughts sometimes."

Mr. Graham "Hm, the specimens you get must be very rare!"



Examination Facts

In 1935, June examination certificates were to be granted with 66% of the year's work. The \$1.00 fee per paper written was abolished.

Tattle Tale

A first experience in physical training class happened when some new girls were late for class in 1934. I, all five foot six inches of me, quietly slipped into the end of the line. All pandemonium broke loose. That end was for tall girls, and I was next to the tallest girl in the school! No more late sessions for this class for me (the writer). From then on I always wore my clothes over my gym clothes in preplanned preparation.

Advice to 1936 Graduates

"I who am blind can give one hint to those who see — one addition to those who would make full use of the gift of sight," says Helen Kellar. "Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind. The same method can be applied to your other senses. Hear the music of voices, the song of the birds, the mighty strains of the orchestra as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object you want to touch as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of the flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you could never smell and taste again. Make the most of every sense; glory in all the facets of pleasure and beauty which the world reveals to you through the several means of contact which nature provides."

School Hours Changed in 1936

The original hours 9-12, 1:30-4:00 were changed to 9-12, 1:10-3:45 to allow the country students to travel home before dark.

1935-36 Grads

The Commencement exercises for 1935-36 were held in the gymnasium of the high school Thursday, April 9, 1936 at 8:00 P.M.

The graduates were:

Melvin Powell	Anne Carroll
Natalie Hosford	Marjorie Hay
Helen Waltham	Jean Munro
Dorothy	
McTaggart	Lena Morgan
Verna McVicar	Russel Myers

Natalie Hosford was chosen Valedictorian. The diplomas were presented by Reeve Dick, while the chairman was W. E. Woods. Accompanists for the evening were Helen Morningstar and Doris Foster.

The high school "At Home" was held on April 24 with Freddie Wurker's ten piece orchestra furnishing the music.



Miss Phoebe Brock

Poem to 1937 Graduates

To the 1937 Graduates, by Mlle.
So you're graduates this day.
It is, it is, it's true.
Indeed we know not what to say
When we speak we must to you.
Your charm of face, your ways and
trends
Enchant us day by day.
You are among our dearest friends
We trust you're here to stay.
Here's to a path, both sweet and long.
That to you, life may bring
Dear grads t'would be in sweet sweet
song
If we could only sing.

Ella Mae Lamb Doris Kersey

Elizabeth

MacKenzie

Hazel Tanner

Laurena Mitchell

Jack Burchill

Tom Lucas

Jack Woods

Jack Colburn

Ross Laws

Ross Clark

James Lett

Clarence Jackson



Miss Hannah Jane McKay's wedding, Aug. 1, 1939.

First Alumni Dance

On December 21, 1937, the first Alumni Dance was held in the decorated gymnasium. The party was most successful in the Christmas holidays. The staff had been dreaming about this for years. This year Mr. Miller was happy with it being a reality.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller received the guests. Many were from ten and twenty years back. Together, the Millers led a grand march. Financially, the affair was not a big success, but socially it was tops! Music was supplied by Benny Palmer and his orchestra from London.

Occasionally tea dances were held in the spring, early in the evening, (even at five o'clock), in the old gym. It was a big night with pretty decorations and live music bands. The lower school girls received the dubious distinction of being awarded the opportunity to be waitresses for the tea tables!



Elizabeth MacGregor
Hannah Jane McKay

Jeffrey's Wisdom

Poem — Written by Allan Jeffrey, 1937
L'autre jour it was too warm
Attendre, in the school
Etudier, nouns and rusty verbs
Pensent-ils, that we were fools.

Trois garçons bold, they were outside
A'prendre, some fresh air
Ils sautent, into Sisson's car
Et, found it comfy there.

Mon Dieu, but who should come along
Trouver, them at this game
Le Principal, with three weeks back
Ain't he a naughty name?

1937 Commencement



The stage of 1937 was decorated in red, white and blue in honour of the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Only three of the graduates returned to Watford, as many remained at home. Two attended Western University. Two went to business College in Sarnia and Petrolia. One went to hairdressing school, and one to South Collegiate in London. The curtains were purple with gold crests.

1938 Commencement

The commencement was held in the gym. The address was given by T. J. Callaghan and Reeve Dick presented the diplomas. George Smith entertained with his cornet. The money from former commencements was used to purchase sections to make an easily erected platform. Chairs were purchased too, to avoid borrowing them each year.

For the commencement exercises, Miss Elizabeth MacGregor, niece of Dr. MacGregor, and author Marion Kieth of London prepared Scottish flavoured dance routines. One was Jennie's Bobbie, a schottische, and the other was the White Cockade. The physical training class was dressed in short white pleated

skirts, tartan Glengarry caps, and wee red "plaidie". This was a change from the usual drill routines to the tune of Country Gardens with Mildred Armstrong at the piano. On another occasion, the girls dressed in white slacks and danced the sailor's hornpipe.

A delightful cover for the Mirror this year was designed by Maxine Potter using the school colours of purple and gold.

More Tattle Tales

Miss Edith Hudson was the French teacher when the 1939 graduates started to school. She was a very popular lady lending a noticeable contrast to her fun loving successor, Hannah Jane McKay. Miss McKay enjoyed embarrassing the boys by standing with her arm on their shoulder as punishment for some supposed misdemeanor. An alternative treatment was to draw a white I.D. chalk line down the back of the offender's dark sweater. Miss McKay often sat on the radiators to teach. These radiators were dubbed the "seats of the mighty"!

Frank Doan did a caricature sketch of the "seats of the mighty".

Tragedy

High school girl shot on highway, Doris Spalding, 2nd line, recovering when bullet extracted from base of skull. Two Windsor lads with rifle taken to Sarnia.

This was the heading on the newspaper article which told how Doris was struck in the back of the head by a rifle bullet that penetrated the rear of the car in which school children were coming to Watford High school this Thursday morning. "Doris Spalding, 15 years old, and youngest daughter of Wallace Spalding and the late Mrs. Spalding, 2nd line south, Warwick, was seriously injured, and after first aid, was taken to London hospital where the bullet was taken out.

Two Windsor lads, evidently not more than 13 years of age, and carrying a rifle, lay in the roadside ditch on the 2nd line, when Hugh A. McKenzie, driver of the car, took his daughter, Miss Margaret to her school a half mile west of No. 22 Highway. Returning a moment later, he passed the lads at good driving speed, when suddenly there was a crack of a rifle, and Doris, sitting in the rear right of the car, screamed and collapsed.

Also in the car with Hugh McKenzie were his youngest daughter, Beth, Don Spalding, the injured girl's brother, and Frank Moffatt, all students at Watford High School.

Immediately on arrival in Watford, Doris was given medical attention, while Constable Blezard and Harvey Johnston went out and picked up the boys in the vicinity.

They were taken to Sarnia and turned over to provincial police for further questioning."



New Class Room Plans

The Watford Board of Education namely, T. J. Callahan, W. E. Woods, E. J. Carroll, A. E. McKercher, W. Y. Fitzgerald, B. F. Cook, Dr. Hicks and G. H. Brown, decided to postpone for one year building and equipping special work-rooms. One would provide for the teaching of girls' Home Economics, and the other for the boys, a workshop — two new vocational subjects being added to the school curriculum. The cost would be \$2,500 for the municipality and the rest would come from special grants from the Ontario Government.

The teaching staff was offered increases to bring salaries as follows: Principal H. M. Miller \$2325, A. J. Graham \$1775, John Luke \$1100, Miss E. MacGregor \$1425, Miss H. McKay \$1400. (Imagine such skimpy salaries in the 1900's. All teachers were well dressed and kempt.)

More Tattle Tales

Mr. Miller who taught math used to clink his long strong thumbnail against the blackboard to state: "These two particular angles is . . .". He got his message across. One student remembers how he toured the classroom with his hands clasped behind his back.

One morning he spent a goodly portion of his time, when possible, gazing out the north-east windows towards his home at the corner of the street. Between classes he would dash home. Finally, by noon there was an announcement — Mr. Miller became the proud new father of a baby girl named Lena. He was nice with all his children and greeted each one when he walked with the other male teachers en route uptown for the noon mail.

The same Mr. Miller, small of stature, but mighty of mind and body, could use his temper and his strength if necessary, but he always was held in high esteem.

This writer had the privilege of assisting in making his floral casket piece. One rose was a bit of a problem, so the petals were turned back. Mr. Miller's family was so pleased as they thought it was an out of season tulip. To them, that was most suitable as the tulip happened to be Mr. Miller's favorite flower.

In 1933, one dapper young man decided he would like to attend the school dance, but he happened to have asked two girls for some unexplained reason. The girls were sisters who discussed matters. The two met the young man in the hall and asked, "How come?" As a result, both girls went to the dance with someone else, and the guy got to spend the evening with his own company at his home!

1933 Graduating Class



First Row: Margaret McLean, Jean McLaren, Florence McKay, Beth Ross, Marjorie Parker, Verna Brigham, Elsie Lovell, Beatrice Spalding. Second Row: Dorothy Willoughby, Helen Callahan, Mons Stapleford. Third Row: Harry Miller, Principal, Les Patterson, Lorne Gilroy, Bruce Hay, Franklin Kenzie, Jack Rogers, Foster Thompson, Earl Jones.

1938 Grads



Back Row: Duncan McLachlan, Ilene Brigham, Donald Gray, Beulah Westgate, Eric Jones, Marguerite Thompson, Donald Spalding, Leila Barnes, Mary Smith, Alexander Jeffrey. Front Row: Ross Parker, Louise McCormick, Mr. Miller, Mildred Armstrong, Douglas Mansfield, Jean Herrington.

Graduating Class — 1938-1939



First Row (l-r): Harry Miller, principal, Mary Campbell, Margaret Cran, Connie Trenouth, Louise Kersey, Marian Kidd. Back Row (l-r): Wellesly Sisson, Ivan Edgar, Currie McVicar, Lloyd Luke, John Ross, Jim Robertson, Nick Jeffrey.

1939-40 Grads



Back Row — Girls: Mildred Clark, Mildred Hay, Doris Spalding, Jean McGill, Laura Johnson. Front Row — Girls: Evelyn Gault, Phyllis Bunt, Francis McLaren, Helen Morgan, Dorothy Luckham. Boys: Don Kersey, Lloyd Elsdon, Mr. Miller, George Smith, George O'Neil, Frank Moffatt, Harley Moon, John Gribben, Laverne Morgan, Carman Gault.



Margery Hay, Ann Carroll, Jean Muma, Natalie Hosford, Mary Kersey, Dorothy Carroll, Audrey Gray, Helen Waltham.



Phyllis Lovell



Merelene Matthews, Glen Moffatt (became a married couple when school days were o'er).



Jack and Marg Rogers



Patricia Gavigan, Gordon Redmond, Dorothy McKay, Leonard Fleming, Evelyn Gault, Carman Gault. (1938 transportation to attend classes at W.H.S. — No Buses.)



Merle Kelly, Mona Edgar, Helen Lucas, Margaret Coke, Dorothy Coke, Audrey Freer, Ruth Elsden.



Archelynn Coupland, Marion Kidd, Muriel Caldwell, Pam McLaren, Connie Trenouth.



Laura Johnson, Jean Muma, ?, Eileen Brigham, Pat Gavigan.



Mary Kersey, Louise McCormick, Helen Morningstar.



Ilene Brigham



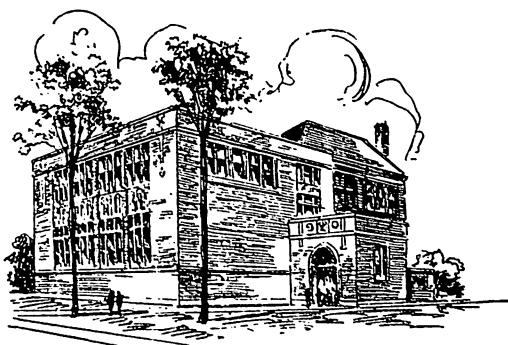
Jean Herrington



High School Entrance Certificate



Invitation To Alumni At Home



The Alumni of Watford High School

request the presence of yourself and friend

at the

Third Annual 'At Home'

in the High School Auditorium

Wednesday evening, December twenty-seventh

nineteen hundred and thirty-nine

Music by Alf. Tibbs and his Orchestra

Tickets \$1 couple, Lady 50c. Dancing nine till one

PLEASE PRESENT INVITATION

1938-1939 Graduation

Miss Louise Kersey was voted the valedictorian for the 1938-39 graduating class. Commencement was held at Easter time in the gymnasium.

Mr. E. J. Carroll, chairman of the school board acted as chairman. Warden R. E. Dick presented the diplomas. For program the boys performed gymnastics and the girls performed some dance routines. George Smith played his cornet. Phyllis Dobbyn was the soloist for the choral group singing "Just a Wearing for You". A play, "Grandma Pulls the Strings" was presented with six actors under the direction of Miss Hannah and Jane McKay.

Robert Beacon was given an entrance medal. H. Moon was presented a school pin by A. Jeffrey.

Nine of the above graduates stayed home the following year. Four went back to Watford High School, one went to nursing school in London, one went to Normal School. Later, many that stayed at home returned to get a University Degree. In 1939, Don Spalding won the Carter Award for Western Ontario, admission fees to Western "U" for two years, and the highest in Latin for Western Ontario. He could only have one award, so he took the admission fees. All girls of the athletic society were presented with a silver teaspoon commemorating the coronation of George VI and Elizabeth — a nice keepsake!

Music 1939

In 1939, writes Joe Kennedy, music convener, a vote was taken on the most popular radio orchestras of the day.

Hit Parade

1. Kay Kyser	6. Artie Shaw
2. Sammy Kaye	7. Wayne King
3. Guy Lombardo	8. Jan Garber
4. Tommy Dorsey	9. Cab Calloway
5. Benny Goodman	10. Blue Baron and Ted Weems

These were the big "ten" as far as the secondary school was concerned.

Perhaps this was the inspiration for the orchestra formed that year under Mr. Graham's direction. They played at literary meetings. Watford was blessed with good musicians. Phyllis Dobbyn preferred more classical music on the piano. Margaret Cran had a more versatile trend. John Gilbert Woods enjoyed playing even at noon hour and recesses as did Joe Kennedy. George Smith was related as one of the best cornetists in Western Ontario. In later years, George gave up his cornet playing and developed his voice as a soloist.

Joseph Kennedy in later years made a living with his piano playing. He also entertained some with his guitar. Margaret Cran taught piano lessons for years. She played much of her life in an orchestra. She is also a qualified elementary school teacher.

The School Orchestra

The orchestra newly formed in 1939 continued to survive with ten members ranging from grade 9 to grade 13.

Margaret Cran — pianist

Margaret Coke — assistant pianist

Beth Sawers — first violinist and secretary treasurer

Dorothy Saunders — first violinist

Margaret Campbell — second violinist

Archie Fleming — second violinist

George Smith — first cornetist and president

Ross Saunders — second cornetist

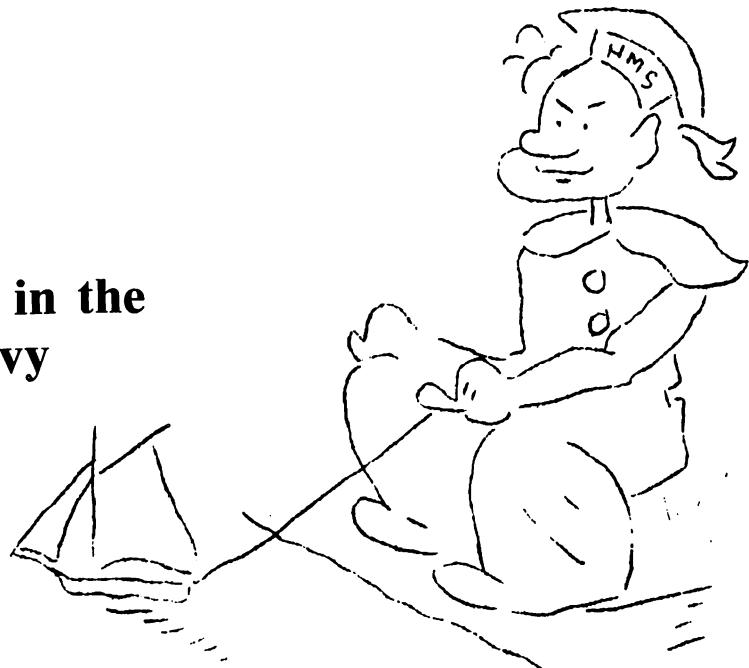
Robert Beacom — baritone horn

Jack McKercher — tuba

Music had its place and was used for literary meetings. Some musicians were Barbara Urie with "Padirewaski's Minuet". Joe Kennedy and Jack Woods played swing music. Piano instrumentals were played by Margaret Coke, Mona Edgar and Elizabeth Sawers. George Smith played his cornet. The choral group sang the "Lobster's Quadrille and Juanita". Muriel Caldwell rendered vocal solos "In My Garden", and "The End of a Perfect Day".

The Alumni dance was held Dec. 27 with music by Alf Tibbs, and his orchestra from London. The committee in charge was Pres. Jack Rogers, Vice Pres. Allan Jeffrey, Secretary-treasurer Mary Kersey. A \$30.00 profit went in the kitty.

Jim R. in the Navy



1939-40 Graduates

Again commencement exercises were held at Eastertime. Another milestone has been reached in the history of Watford High School. Twas time to say farewell to another group of students. Chairman W. E. Woods was in charge and Reeve Dick presented the diplomas.

The valedictorian was George Smith. For the program, the boys athletic groups did gymnasium exercises and built pyramids. The girls did an Irish Jig and Military tap, while the seniors did a Danish Dance. Musical selections were, Flow Gently Sweet Afton, the Hunting Chorus, and the Mermaids. Muriel Caldwell sang a solo. Miss Inez Shepard directed a play entitled "Elmer" with nine characters.

Fun

Mr. Graham — "Class, in what part of the world are the most ignorant people?"

Neil Westgate — "In London, England."

Mr. Graham — "Where did you ever obtain such information?"

Neil — "Well, the geography book says that's where the population is the most dense."



STYLES WHS
1937-38

First Intermediate Graduates

1940 was the first year Intermediate graduates received certificates for successfully completing two years. Mr. Miller presented these to the following people:

Margaret Coke
Anne Gribben
Annie Hick
Mary Hume
Meryl Kelly
Irene Leach
Helen Miller

Douglas O'Neil
Jack Orange
Ethel Richardson
Marion Searson
Florence Taylor
Muriel Williams

Jones Poetry

Eric Jones, one of our poets comes forth now with a bit of a poem dedicated to the school:

Purple and Gold

Watford has fought in days of old,
To keep up the honour of purple and gold
We represent the old home town
So keep on fighting, don't let her down.
Purple and gold on a basketball sweater
Sure looks swell, what could be better.
So win, lose, or even tie.
We're with you, yet, Watford High!
Maintain the honour and old school
spirit
And for the future, never fear it.
While boys and girls go to Watford High
The old school's fame will never die.

Eric Jones — 1938

Winners Circle



Louise McCormick at Strathroy.

1938 Ross Parker, pole vault at Western "U".



He cleared with a height of 11 feet and 3 inches.



1938 half mile race at Strathroy. Allan Jeffrey — winner.



Beth MacKenzie, Anne Carroll, Miss E. MacGregor, coach; Verna Brigham, manager; Gerry Brown, Eileen Brigham, Doris Cooper, Louise McCormick, Helen Waltham, captain; Mary Kersey, Helen Morningstar. Absent: Beulah Westgate.

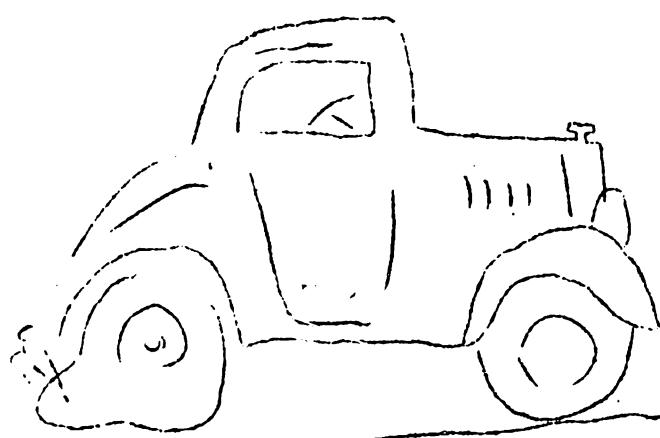
1934 Girls' Basketball Team. Dorothy Willoughby, Beatrice Spalding, Marion Brigham, Isabel Chidley — Captain, Dorothy McTaggart, Olive Denning, Verna Brigham, Ely McGugan, Miss E. MacGregor — coach.



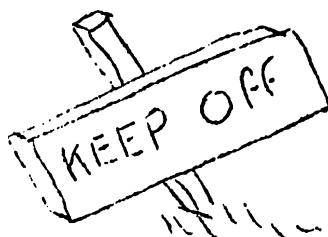
WOSSA Basketball Team — 1934 District Champs. Isabella Chidley, (captain, centre), Dorothy McTaggart, Verna Brigham, Grace Gray, Olive Denning, Marion Brigham, Beatrice Spalding, Dorothy Willoughby.



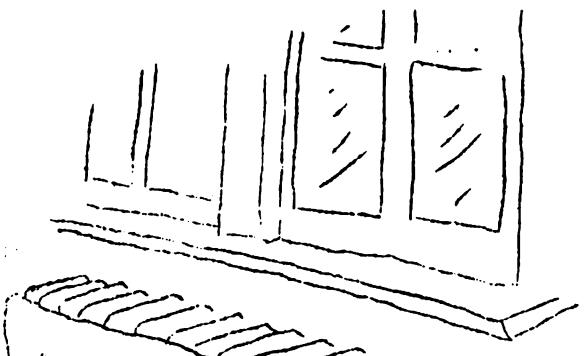
Artist
Frank
M.
Doan



Dunc has some
Tire Trouble



"Seats of the
Mighty"



1-2-2-2

This should be standard
equipment in the furnace-room.



Doris Moffatt



Lloyd Elsdon



Mary Campbell



Greta McEachern, Florence Creasey.



Jack Coupland, Arthur "Mike" Stapleford.



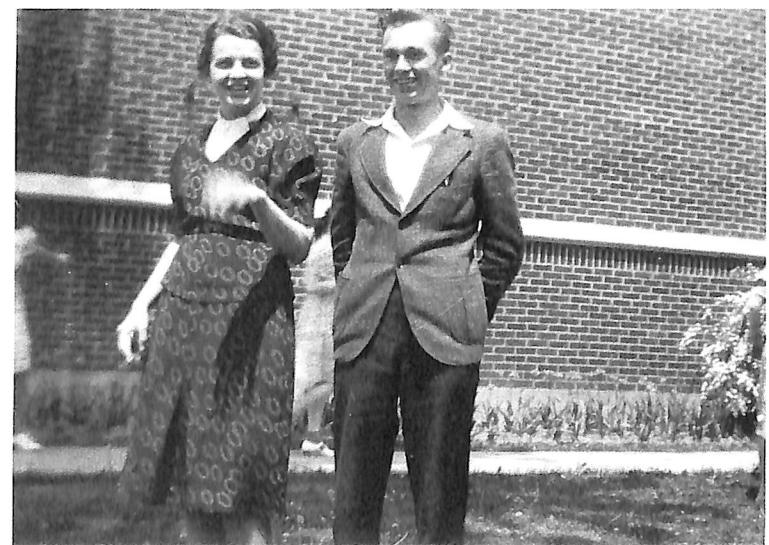
? , Marj Herrington, Hazel Tanner, Jack Colburn, Jean Herrington, Leila Barnes, Jean Muma.



Dorothy Creasey, Eleanor Lucas.



High School Play
Connie Trenouth, teacher Hannah McKay, Pam McLaren, Lloyd Elsden, Barbara Urie, Phyllis Dobbyn, Ethel Richardson.



Phyllis Dobbyn, Nick Jeffrey (Literary Executive) 1939.

Deac's - Scrapbook

EDITED - BY ERIC JONES
CARTOON - by - f.m.d DOAN

I Don't.

My parents told me not to smoke;
I don't:
Or listen to a naughty joke;
I don't:
They made it clear I must not wink
At pretty girls, or even think
About intoxicating drink;
I don't.
To dance or flirt is very wrong;
I don't:
Wild youths like women, wine and song,
I don't.
I kiss no girls, not even one,
I do not know how it is done;
You wouldn't think I'd have much fun.
I don't.
I'm just a little bit of dandruff
— trying to get ahead.

— Contributed.

The Poet's Lament.

If all the poems I have written
Were piled together in a pile,
And with a candle they were litten,
You could see the blaze for a mile.
Take all the gold that I have gitten
For all the poems that I have wrote,
It would not harm a little kitten,
If molten and poured down its
throat.

— Bill Nye

I love the little birdies,
I love to hear them chirp.
But what I love the best of all
Is buckwheat cakes and sirp.

My True Confession

In order to get a little notoriety
I decide to pick on the girls, just for
variety,
Now, I believe some people got me
wrong
That is the reason for this song.
The High school girls aren't bad at
heart;
And I might say that for my part
I think they demonstrate the school
spirit,
And really love W.H.S., never fear it.
Now don't tell them that I said so
Because you know how those things
go.
With all their faults we like them
still,
And wish them well, you bet we will.
Deac — believe it or not.

Homeward Bound

This car is fresh and bright and
clean,
It's filled with people tall,
It's not so hard to reach the racks,
They've done it, one and all.
There are no hooks to hang your
coats.
The seats do not turn round.
'tis an air-conditioned coach.
We'll soon be homeward bound.
The engine shunts, the whistle blows.
The porter calls out "Tea"
With us, will soon be ice and snows,
Of which the city's free.

Written at Toronto's Station
Feb. 13, 1938

Mlle Hannah Jane MacKay

Pome by Allan Jeffrey

My lover, her is went away,
My lover, her is went to stay
Her won't come to I
Me won't went to she.
Aw Gee! Don't it awful.



On My Sentimental Side.

Poetry is the expression of the soul
It lifts our thoughts to nobler things.
Fine poetry is beyond earthly control
And takes us heavenward, as if on
wings.

Poetry softens care, soothes the
nerves,
It is refreshing, comforting to the
mind.
When from worldly care it swerves.
And peace and rest, we try to find.
To quote from Shakespeare, "Tis
twice blest".
It blesses he who writes and he who
reads.
'Tis not the classics but some hum-
bler poet's works that best.
I like to read, muse on, and feel it
satisfy my need.

Eric Jones.

Dogs

I hate dogs barking at my feet,
Whenever I walk down the street
I hate with all my heart and mind
Those little yapping terrier kind.
I hate the way they gather round
And utter every kind of sound.
They take from one, all dignity,
With their insane perfidy.
How can a man walk down the
street,
With white dogs barking at his feet.

F. M. Doan.

A New School Yell

School yells always promoted the old school pride and still does.

A prize was offered to the poetic student who could compose a new school yell. It was won by Archelynn Coupland.

Fight! Fight!
Don't ever stop,
We're out to win
To be on top.
Show your muscle
Lift your chin
Come on Watford
Dig right in!

Chicks

The eggs which were set in the High School incubator on April 30th, started to hatch Wednesday of this week, and from appearances, there will be an excellent hatch. During the three weeks that the eggs were hatching, they were tested twice to remove the dead germs and the infertiles, and over three hundred eggs set. There were only about thirty-five removed from the incubator.

Gardens

The first and second forms of the school are this week planting the school garden, under the supervision of the Agriculture teacher, Mr. Graham, and if the amount of work that is put into it means anything, there should be an excellent crop this year, because the students are spending all their spare time as well as the regular periods out in the garden.



Archelynn Coupland, Barb Urie, Connie Trenouth.



Front Row: Buelah Westgate, Doris Foster. Back Row: ?, ?, Margeruite Thompson, Hazel Tanner, Mary Smith, Marion Kidd.

Good Bye to the Thirties

This is only a short abridged summary of the activities in Watford High School in the "thirties" decade. Many more happenings took place. Some are printable, others are not. Many delightful little jingles were penned for the graduates by talented people. Talents are appreciated, but space does not permit their use.

Many more attended the school, but did not graduate for various reasons. Others are honour graduates, some coming from the Alvinston Continuation School in order to complete the requirements for entrance into higher learning institutions.

Your mischief and activities are in our minds. Like the time Archie D. Campbell from A.C.S. climbed to the top of the water tower beside the high school. Mr. Miller, of course, happened along and threatened a long unrequested vacation. Another time, Russ Watt brought a mouse to school in a match box. The mouse was tethered to a cord and allowed to travel just so far during class and then retrieved. The mouse did cause some excitement!

You have not been forgotten.

Researched and prepared by Mary Campbell Ross.

1940-1949



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1940 - 1949

Those Were The Days

When our decade began, World War II was only a few months old and it was to last half the decade. Many of our students and graduates joined the armed forces. Their duties took them to many parts of the world. Most came back, but, too many did not.

Until the mid-forties, because of the war, there were no shiny new cars in the dealers' showrooms. The old car we had to drive was used more sparingly because gasoline and tires were rationed. We also had ration books with coupons to buy such things as meat, sugar and butter. Despite this, however, there were many pleasant memories for us to recall.

Our home entertainment came to us via the radio. It offered us daytime soap operas such as, "Helen Trent" or "Our Gal Sunday" five times a week. In the evenings we tuned into "Lowell Thomas and the News", Jack Benny, Geo Burns and Gracie Allen, the "Lux Radio Theatre", or "The Shadow". On Saturday nights there was hockey with Foster Hewitt and "The Hit Parade". Also, at home, we could play our favourite song on the old "78" record player. By 1949, however, a few homes were fortunate enough to have "snowy" television.

If we wished to go out to see a movie, we had to drive to Strathroy or Glencoe, to London or Sarnia. However, after the war, the "Reo" gave us one of the nicest theatres in the district and we did our best to fill it for many years.

In the winter, we had the local arenas which offered public skating almost every day all winter. In hockey you could go to see the Atoms play or one of the local league teams. It was not until the last half of the decade that minor hockey was organized. In the summer there was Lake Huron or Lake Erie with their beautiful beaches to enjoy. For those who played ball up at the park it was baseball, not fastball, that was played.

But, for many of us, however, music and dancing were our first love. The Big Band era was in full swing when our decade started. We listened to, and bought records by the Dorseys, Duke Ellington, Guy Lombardo, Glenn Miller, Freddy Martin, Artie Shaw, Sammy Kaye, Vaughan Munroe, Harry James. The swing, jazz and jitterbug age was gradually changing and the bands started to play sweet music such as, "Fools Rush In," "Moonlight Cocktail," "Tangerine," "Sentimental Journey," "I've Heard that Song Before," "It Had to Be You" and "That Old Black Magic." However, as the war ended, the hit makers became the singers — Sinatra, Shore, Como and Haymes.

For us to see one of the Big Bands we had to travel to the London Arena, Port Stanley's Stork Club or Kenwick-on-the-Lake. Most of our dancing was done, however, at Jukebox "joints," or to local bands at the Strathroy Town Hall, Warwick Hall, Little Joe's, Inwood Pavilion, Newbury Barn Dance, or Kenwick Terrace. In the summer, we also had the casinos at Ipperwash and Grand Bend as well as Kenwick-on-the-Lake. Our school held a few record hops and dances during the year but our big school dances were the "Alumni Dances" between Christmas and New Years and the "Graduation Dance" in April. Some of the bands that bring back memories are Willis Tipping, Jack Kennedy, Lionel Thorton, Eric Scott and Johnny Downs.

In 1939, an addition was made to the back of the school and we became the first students to take "Manual Training" and "Domestic Science." The only other subjects on our timetables were English, French, Latin, Science and Math. We didn't have to make any big decisions when it came to choosing which subjects to take.

For the first half of the decade students from out of town had to find a local boarding house or find their own transpor-

tation to school. However, in 1946, when the Alvinston Continuation School was closed, the Watford High School area was increased to include all of Brooke and Euphemia. This resulted in bus routes being started. In the beginning one bus route was so long that some students were picked up long before it was daylight and brought home just in time for supper.

Sports activities in our school were affected by the war. Our inter-school annual fall track meets with Forest, Strathroy, Glencoe and Petrolia were not held in the years of 1942 to 1945. Also, our W.O.S.S.A. basketball schedule with the local schools was cancelled during these years. Consequently, we held our own intramural competition in track and basketball.

The school orchestra, started in the late thirties by Mr. Graham, flourished during the forties and played an important part in the Commencement Graduation Exercises. The exercises were held each April, the year after a student passed his academic work. Therefore, one would actually receive his diploma the year after. This changed in 1949 when two commencements were held — one in April for the 1948 grads and one in December for the 1949 grads.

During the forties some of us stayed only briefly. Some of us filled the halls for several years wearing saddle shoes and bobby sox, brush cuts and diamond sweatshirts or the "New Look" with longer full skirts and crinolines. Even though everybody had to study French until Grade XII and departmentals had to be passed in Grade XIII, all of us recall, with fond memories, those Fabulous Forties when Watford High School gave us the opportunity not only to learn and grow but to make lasting friendships which we cherish still today.

STAFF 1940 - 1949
PRINCIPAL: MR. HARRY MILLER
Supporting Cast in order of appearance:

Mr. Adam Graham
Miss Helen Hamilton
Miss Inez Sheppard
Mr. Clifford Reid
Mr. Ray Taylor
Mr. James Musgrove
Mr. Ardel Grainger
Mrs. Lena Richards

Miss Irene Stevens
Miss McBeth
Miss Lila Steer
Mr. Kalbflesch
Mr. Frank Michie
Mrs. Ella Blair
Miss Muriel Clarke
Mr. James Irvine

Custodians: "Bill" Sisson and "Barney" Anderson

The Principal, Staff and Pupils of the

Watford High School

request the honor of your presence at their

Commencement

Wednesday, the First of April

nineteen hundred and forty-two

in the auditorium of the school

at eight o'clock, p.m.



Graduates, Staff and Pupils of
Watford High School

request the presence of yourself and friend at their

Annual Graduation Dance

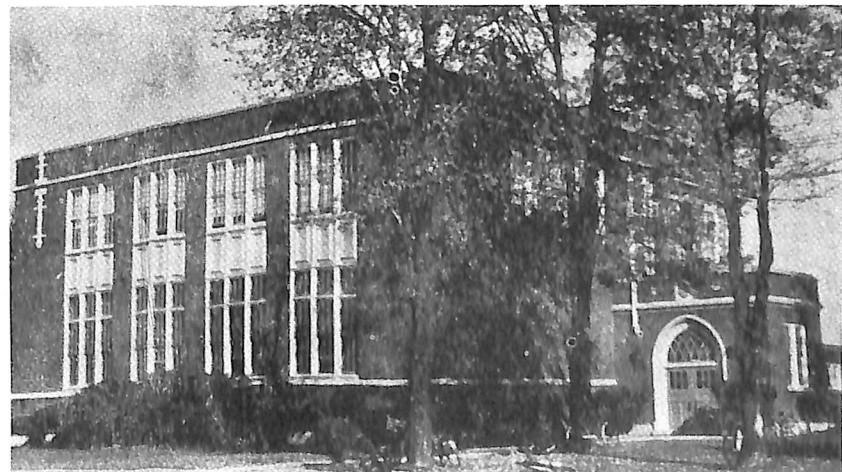
to be held in the school

Tuesday evening, April seventh,

nineteen hundred and forty-two

Jack Kennedy and His Orchestra in attendance

Admission: One Dollar.



1940 Grade XII Graduates

George Caldwell
Muriel Caldwell
Alex Campbell
Florence Creasey
Dorothy Elliott
Edward Gray

Carm Hollingsworth
Lorraine Janes
Pauline Johnson
Shirley Lovell
Florence Maddock
Jack McKercher

Isabel McLaren
Marie McLean
Barbara Urie
Alma Willoughby
Robert Woods

1940 Grade X Graduates

Phyllis Barnes, Robert Beacom, John Caldwell, Dorothy Coke, Bill Corristine, Isabel Galbraith, Geraldine Husty, Marie McLean, Alma Marshall, Burton Matthews, Ray Morningstar, Beth Sawers, Raymond Thompson, Grace Perry, Pauline Westgate.

Programme

OPENING CHORUS, "O Canada", "The Mermaids" — The School
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS — Mr. W. E. Woods
DANISH EXERCISES — Junior Boys
P. T. EXERCISES, Irish Jig, Military Tap — Junior Girls
VOCAL SOLO — Muriel Caldwell
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION DIPLOMAS, Reeve R. E. Dick
VALEDICTORY — George Smith
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS — H. M. Miller
PROPHECY — Jack Orrange
CORNET SOLO — George Smith
P. T. EXERCISES, Danish Dance — Senior Girls
GYMNASIACS AND PYRAMIDS — Gym Team
MUSICAL SELECTION — School Orchestra
MEXICAN DANCE, La Cucaracha — Senior Girls
CHORUS, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton"
and "Hunting Chorus" — Grades IX and X
PRESENTATION SCHOOL PIN to Barbara Urie — H. Moon
PLAY, "ELMER"

GOD SAVE THE KING

The play which is being presented for this year's commencement exercises is a comedy in one act entitled "Elmer", written by Beatrice Humiston McNeil. The characters are:
ELMER COLLIER — DONALD KERSEY
SUSAN COLLIER — ETHEL RICHARDSON
JANIE COLLIER — PAULINE JOHNSON
MISS LOUISA PINNEY — MARIAN KIDD
MRS COLLIER — FRANCES MCLEAN
FANNIE BELLE — ARCHELYN COUPLAND
HUBERT BROWN — HARLEY MOON
RUSSELL JAMESON — LLOYD ELDSON
Directed by Miss I. Sheppard.

SCENE—Combination sitting and dining room of the Collier House.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

One more achievement was added to the scholastic achievements by W.H.S. students when Miss Phyllis Bunt won the W. Ontario scholarship worth \$250 as the highest in the class and having an average of more than 75%. Phyllis also qualified for the \$125 Latin scholarship but could accept only the one prize. This year she is continuing the good work at the University of W. Ontario.

This award to Phyllis brings the scholarships won by W.H.S. students since 1931 to a grand total of \$3980.



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The W.H.S. Mirror

Published Occasionally by the Students of Watford High School

OUR SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Our school is run on the principles of a democracy — of the students, by the students and for the students. In October a nomination is held and two parties, corresponding to the Liberals and Conservatives are nominated. There is then a campaign period with the election following in about a week.

Other years the defeated candidates have been excluded from the executive. This year, however, the defeated students act as an advisory board to the elected members. This was to prevent loss of valuable material to the Lit. Executive.

This elected body has charge of all the school functions — such as the High School Dance, Commencement, etc. They see to it that we have a Literary Meeting every two weeks, with at least a small portion educational.

This year's election showed the following results: Ex Officio, Honorary Presidents, Reeve R. E. Dick and Principal H. M. Miller.

By Election: president, Harley Moon; vice-president, Barbara Urie; secretary-treasurer, Mildred Clark; editor, Bob Woods; assistant editor, Donald "Deac Junior" Kersey; music convenor, Margaret Cran; poet, Pauline Johnson; prophet, Archelyn Coupland; historian, John Ross.

Advisory Board: Connie Trenouth, Carman Hollingsworth, Lloyd "Mush" Elston, Anne Gribben, Laura Johnson, Dick Wilson, John Gribben, Jack McKercher and Ethel Richardson.

This paper is published every two weeks with one special commencement number. The editor, assistant editor, poet and historian are elected and the reporters are chosen by these. The staff in charge of the paper this year were as follows: editor, Bob Woods; assistant editor, Red Kersey; poet, Pauline Johnson; prophet, Arch. Coupland; historian, John Ross; reporters, Beulah Paul, Alma Vance, Maxine Potter, Alma Willoughby, and "Mush" Elston.

There are two other groups of officers in the school which you will see on another page—the Girls' Athletic Society and the Boys' Athletic Society.

Members of the teaching staff are: Mr. Miller (principal) mathematics; Miss Shepherd, French, Art and Ancient History; Miss H. Hamilton, English and Histories; Mr. Graham, Science; Mr. Reid, Latin and lower school English.

Members of the Board of Education: Wm. Woods, chairman; E. J. Carroll, T. J. Callahan, J. Gilliland, Dr. G. Hicks, A. McKercher, F. Lovell, Andrew Hay.

1941 Grade XII Graduates

Keith Acton
Margaret Coke
Audrey Freer
Anne Gribben
Mary Hume

Ralph Fuller
Irene Leach
Jack Orrange
Kathryn McLachlan
Neil Westgate

Ethel Richardson
Palmer Westgate
Elizabeth Munro

1941 Grade X Graduates

Frank Bunt, Betty Clarke, Lorna Fuller, Robert Graham, Donald Harrison, Madeleine Lawrence, Ralph Lucas, Zelda McCaw, Annette McKercher, Cecil Maddock, Patricia Richardson, Dorothy Saunders, Muriel Shea, June Southwell, Audrey Sullivan, Stancey Thompson, Vivian Trenouth, Marie Johnson.

Programme

OPENING CHORUS, "O Canada", "Men of Harlech" The School
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS ----- Mr. A. E. McKercher
MAT WORK AND EXERCISES ----- Junior Boys
DANCES, Indian, Dal, On The Green ----- Junior and Senior Girls
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION DIPLOMAS ----- R. E. Dick
VALEDICTORY ----- Miss Lorraine Janes
CHORUS, "Come To The Fair" ----- Choral Club
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS ----- H. M. Miller
PROPHECY ----- Robert Beacom
PYRAMIDS ----- Gym Team
SAILOR'S HORNPIPE, VIENNESE WALTZ ----- Junior, Senior Girls
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL PIN to Phyllis Bunt, Mildred Clark
CHORUS, "Creation's Hymn" ----- Choral Club
PLAY, "Courage Mr. Green."

GOD SAVE THE KING

The play characters as they appear on the stage:
SMITH, GENTLEMAN BURGLAR ----- HUGH WILSON
MR. GREEN, HENPECKED HUSBAND ----- JACK CALDWELL
MRS. GREEN, OVER-AMBITIOUS WIFE ----- BARBARA URIE
MINNIE THE MAID ----- LORRAINE JANES
MR. RAMSAY, THE BOSS ----- ALEX CAMPBELL
Directed by Miss T. Sherman
Stage Managers: George Caldwell and Jack McKercher

One Teacher To Replace Two H. S. Resignation:

Watford Board of Education is seeking a male teacher who is specialist in Latin and boys' vocational training to replace two vacancies on the High School staff for next September, caused by the resignations of Messrs. A. C. Reid and Raymond Taylor.

The remainder of the High School staff were re-engaged for the coming year at the following salaries: Principal, H. M. Miller \$2450, A. J. Graham, science \$185, Miss Helen Hamilton, English \$1500, Miss Inez Sheppard, French and household science, \$1400.

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ACTIVITIES OF OUR LITERARY SOCIETY

[By Mildred Clark]

This year's Literary Society was formed around the latter part of December, and was re-named the Literary and Patriotic Society. The election results were as follows:

President—Mildred Clark.
Vice-President—Anne Gribben.
Sec'y-Treas.—Elizabeth Munro.
Editor—Barb Urie.
Ass't Editor—Jack McKercher.
Pianist—Josephine Touriss.
Poetess—Phyllis Barnes.
Prophet—Robert Beacom.
Historian—Burton Mathews.

The Society is responsible for most of the social events during the term, and stimulates the school spirits. To aid in the worthy cause of the Red Cross, the Literary and Patriotic Society donated the money which was formerly spent on Christmas gifts, decorations and candy, and dispensed with the usual Christmas party.

However, on January 16, the social activities began with our first Literary meeting, which was opened with "O Canada." After Anne Gribben had aroused our spirits by leading us in a few snappy school yells, Margaret and Dorothy Coke favoured us with a piano duet. Then a sing-song was conducted by Mr. Graham, and the first edition of the school paper was read by Barbara Urie.

At our second meeting a piano instrumental was played by Allan Eddy, the paper read by Barbara, a short skit was presented by Grade XII, and a violin, viola and piano trio given by Miss Hamilton, Elizabeth Munro and Mr. Graham.

Then on February 20 the school skating party was held in the rink; hot dogs and coffee were served in the gym, and a sing-song was enjoyed.

At the next meeting the school orchestra showed us the result of their tedious practising. The remainder of the meeting took the form of a minstrel show presented by Grade 13, including a dialogue by Lorraine Janes and Barbara Urie, darkie songs and music, and the school paper.

1942 Grade XII Graduates



Eleanor McConkey, Grace Perry, Robert Beacom, Margaret Campbell, Raymond Morningstar, Phyllis Barnes, Burton Matthews, Marie McLean, Willard Coristine, Dorothy Coke, Elizabeth Sawyers. Absent: Doris Dyke, Florence Taylor.

1942 Grade X Graduates

Barbara Lee Aylesworth, Donald Beacom, Alexia Clark, Floyd Davidson, Mary Doar, Allan Eddy, Russell Hollingsworth, Catherine Janes, Eleanor Lucas, Charles Miller, James Redmond, Muriel Vance, Beverly Young, John Watt, Gordon Swan, Roy McLean, Doug Sifton, Marion Hick.



Bill Coristine, Marg Ridley, Stacey Thompson, Raymond Morningstar, Alma Marshall.

OUR JANITOR

(by Stacey Thompson)

Hark listen to that slow scraping tread.
It's old Bill Sisson, walking as in bed,
He's just come from the furnace room,
The place that never sees a broom.
Any period that you go down,
You'll find old Bill a-lying down
Dreaming as the smoke rings blow
From his mouth in circles slow.
He growls about us throwing paper.
He's 'going to tell Miller', he's quite a faker. He is always saying he had some rest
When he was working in the school out west.
Now and again he wakes to stir himself,
Takes dust covered broom from off the shelf,
And sweeps the dirty floor
Growling as usual when he's sore.
He's always got a joke to tell,
Or sometimes just a knife to sell,
But what'd we do without our Bill
Although he sure is some old pill.

Programme

"O CANADA"

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS	Mr. Andrew Hay
DANCE, "BOBBING JOE"	Junior Girls
PYRAMIDS and MATWECK	Gym Team
DANCE, "WAY IN BOHEMIA"	Junior Girls
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Reeve Dick
VALEDICTORY	Burton Matthews
SONG, "GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK	Double Quartet
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS	H. M. Miller
PROPHECY	Allen Eddy
SOLO, "MORNING SONG	Mac Woods
DANCE, RUSSIAN	Senior Girls
PRESENTATION SCHOOL PIN to Audrey Sullivan, Marie McLean	
ACCORDION SOLO	Jean Cook
DANCE, "SWEDISH SCHOTTISCHE"	Senior Girls
PLAY, "BISHOP'S CANDLESTICKS."	

CAST OF CHARACTERS

PERSOME, Bishop's Sister	Audrey Sullivan
MARIE, Maid	Grace Fleming
BISHOP	Roy McLean
CONVICT	Stacey Thompson
CHIEF CONSTABLE	Bob Graham
THREE ASSISTANT CONSTABLES	Raymond Morningstar, Leon Sisson, Gordon Swan.

Directed by Miss Inez Sheppard
Stage Managers Bob Graham, Ray Morningstar.

1941-42 Girls' Basketball Team



Front Row: Doris Dyke, Annette McKercher, Anne Gribben, Marian Hick, Eleanor McConkey. Back Row: Miss Hamilton, Lorna Fuller, Barb Aylesworth, Marg Campbell, Margaret Coke, Alma Marshall.

The Oratorical Contest

(by Robert Beaom)

This year Watford re-entered the W.O.S.S.A. public speaking contest. Enough interest was roused in the school to have ten good speakers: Chas. Miller, Douglas Sifton, Jean Cook, Madeline Hollingsworth, Eleanor Hall, Elizabeth Sawers, Audrey Sullivan, Robert Beaom, Burton Matthews and George Caldwell. After eliminations Chas. Miller representing junior boys, J. Cook, junior girls, E. Sawers, senior girls and R. Beaom, senior boys spoke in Forest against the other speakers of the W.O.S.S.A. group. Charles Miller won first with his prepared address on "The Starry Heavens." Jean Cook and E. Sawers won second in respective groups. Charles entered the W.O.S.S.A. finals at London and although he did not win, made a showing of which W.H.S. may well be proud. The Sexton cup was again won by Forest.



Front Row: Betty Clarke, Pat Richardson, Zelda McCaw, Audrey Sullivan, Eleanor Robertson. Back Row: Madeleine Lawrence, Marie Johnston, Barbara Aylesworth, Annette McKercher, Dorothy Saunders.

MEMBERS OF TEACHING STAFF

Mr. H. M. Miller, (principal), Mathematics, Canadian and Ancient Medieval History. Miss Hamilton, English, P.T., Modern History. Miss Sheppard, French, World Civilization History, Home Economics. Mr. W. J. Musgrave, Latin, Shop Work, P. T.; Mr. A. J. Graham, Science, Geography, Business Practice.



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(by Anne Gribben)

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Prophet—Frank Bunt
Historian—Zelda McCaw

Our Lit. Society is responsible for the social events during the year and supports the Athletic Society with funds for new basketballs and other equipment.

The first meeting of the Lit. Society was held on November 28th. The meeting was opened with "Carry On". Doris Dyke and Jo Towriss favoured with piano duets. The first edition of the school paper was read by Robert Beaom, followed by a skit presented by Grade XIII.

The second meeting was in the form of a Christmas party. Each form was responsible for a part of the program. Grade IX sang "Good King Wenceslaus" and Mr. Graham and Stanley Schram acted the part of "Page" and "King". The other grades gave readings and humorous skits.

On January 22, a few students partook in a quiz contest on World Affairs; the girls were the winners. The paper was read by Robt. Beaom and Phyllis Barnes, and Grade XII presented the one-act play "Nellie McNab" which they later presented to the public.

Our last meeting was held on February 19th, opening with "O Canada." Josephine played a piano instrumental and Robert Beaom read the paper. A one-act play was then presented by Grade XI "Buddy Answers an ad."

DON'T FORGET THE

Graduation Dance

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

in the gymnasium

MUSIC BY JACK KENNEDY
and his orchestra

Admission \$1 couple

This should provide an evening of good entertainment. Come and support your school!

Ella Coneybeare, Eleanore Hall, Alma Marshall, Janet Hawkins.

1943 Grade XII Graduates

Eleanor Robertson
Mac Woods
Stancey Thompson

Lorna Fuller
Ralph Lucas
Cecil Maddock

Audrey Sullivan
Annette McKercher
Alma Marshall

1943 Grade X Graduates

Eldon Acton, William Adams, Dorothy Creasey, Barbara Dick, Keith Eddy, Dorothy Elliott, Leola Eastabrooke, Charles Husty, Madeleine Hollingsworth, Margaret Latimer, Greta McEachern, Donald McEwen, Bruce Miller, Ken Morris, Jean Robertson, Leila Westgate, Doris Winter.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EX-STUDENTS OF W.H.S. NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

As commencement time rolls round each year, we pause to look forward into the future and backward to the years gone by. Thus, naturally enough, this year we think of you, our old classmates, who have answered your country's call to arms.

No doubt you could tell us a great deal about the World, but possibly we can tell you a few things of interest about old W.H.S.

If you were to return to Watford High, the first aspect you would note would probably be the personnel. The school's five teachers are Miss Hamilton, Miss Sheppard and Mr. Musgrove, new faces to some of you, and the veterans, Mr. Graham and Mr. Miller, the principal. As for students, it's the younger generation who occupy seats you vacated. If you descended to the basement, you would almost certainly miss "Bill" Sisson with his pipe and friendly gossip. Mr. Sisson resigned the janitorship during the winter and Mr. B. Anderson has taken his place.

There is still mischief and detentions in two-week lots at W.H.S., but the school has a more serious

atmosphere. There is little "skipping" of classes any more, and extra-curriculum activities have been cut to a minimum. Thus inter-school competition has been cancelled, and the Literary Society activities lessened.

There are two chief reasons why extra emphasis must be put on our studies. First is the shortened school term. School starts later in the Fall and courses must be covered by April 20, when many students go on the farm. A second reason is the Defense Course, inaugurated last Fall, and made compulsory for all students. It includes a wide range of topics — first aid, home nursing, civilian defense, navigation, map-reading, army specialization, and the use of small arms. Training in the use of small arms includes a small amount of rifle target practice, and most humiliating for the boys is the fact that highest score is held by a puny girl. The course, though it adds considerably to our work, we know is preparing us to back you boys.

So at Commencement 1943, greetings and good luck!



1943 Grade XIII Graduates

Robert Beacom, Mary Hume, Burton Mathews, Marie McLean, Raymond Morningstar.

PROGRAMME

OPENING NUMBER O Canada
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS Mr. Andrew Hay
OPERA H.M.S. Pinafore
PLAY "Sister Sue"
PRESENTATION OF HONOUR AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMAS Reeve Dick
VALEDICTORY Eleanor Robertson
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS H. M. Miller
PROPHECY William Adams
PRESENTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE MEDAL Robert Graham
to Murray Beacom "The Poet-Tasters of Ispahen"
PLAY "GOD SAVE THE KING"

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN PLAY "SISTER SUE"
Mr. Spencer Bill Adams
Mrs. Spencer Barbara Dick
Sue Spencer Leola Eastabrooke
Madeline Spencer Margaret Latimer
Carol Spencer Madeline Hollingsworth
A. Marsh Keith Eddy
Jim Shotwell Franklin Fuller
Radio Announcer Charlie Husty

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN THE OPERA "H.M.S. PINAFORE"
By Gilbert and Sullivan:
Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty Allan Eddy
Captain of the Pinafore Mac Woods
Josephine, the Captain's Daughter Esther Dowling
Little Buttercup Alexia Clark
Ralph Rackstraw Ivan Lucas
Dick Deadeye Ralph Lucas
Cousin Hebe Margaret Latimer

Other Cousins, Sisters and Aunts:
Lorna Fuller, Eleanor Robertson, Jean Robertson, Jeanne Dyke
Catherine Carroll, Doris Winter, Clara Brown, Hester Werden
Sailors:
Don Beacom, Beverly Young, Burton Cook, Robert Morgan,
Brian Eddy, Bruce Robertson, Murray Beacom, Louis Eddy,
Alex. Harrison.

Orchestra
Piano, June Searson; Violins, Alexia Clark, Ivan Lucas;
Flute, Jane Clark; Trombone, Charles Miller;
Cornet, Bruce Miller; Tuba, Victor Sifton.

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN PLAY
"THE POET-TASTERS OF ISPAHEN"
A one-Act Comedy With An Eastern Setting
Hallaj, A Public Letter Writer Don McCormick
Nejrihal, A Baker Ralph Lucas
Ala'ddin, a Perfume Salesman Leon Sisson
Suliman, a Barber Gordon Swan
Guleesh, a Very Miserly Merchant Doug. Sifton
Ibn Hassim, a Wealthy Jeweller Roy McLean
Silvermoon, Daughter of Ibn Hassim Eleanor McKercher
Slave Stancey Thompson
Scene—in the shop of Hallaj in the drowsy
Arabian Town of Ispahen.
Prompters—Katherine Janes Eleanor Lucas.
Stage and Properties—Beverley Young, Donald Beacom.

Catherine Janes, Audrey Sullivan,
Doris Dyke, Betty Clarke, Leola
Eastabrook.



Leon Sisson, Eleanor Robertson, Mac Woods, Stancey Thompson, Lorna Fuller, Ralph Lucas.

1942-43 LITERARY SOCIETY

The officers elected for the executive for the 1942-43 Literary Society were:

President—Marie McLean
Vice-president—Mac Woods
Sec'y-Treas.—Burton Matthews
Editor—Stancey Thompson
Assistant Editor—Phyllis Barnes
Poetess—Lorna Fuller
Prophet—Charles Miller
Historian—Robert Beacom



Phyllis Barnes, Muriel Vance, Marg Ridley, Elenore Hall, Alma Marshall, Ella Coneybeare, Wilson Butler, Bill Rowland.

SONGS ABOUT STUDENTS

Tillie—Waltzing Matilda.
Leon Sisson—Day Dreaming.
Stancey Thompson—After hours.
Doris Dykes—Angel in Disguise.
Audrey Sullivan—The Boogie Woogie Piggy.
Lorna Fuller—Twiddlin' my thumbs.
Bob Beacom—Fools fall in love.
Charlie Husty—You talk too much.
Mr. Graham—Let's all sing together.
Bob Graham—I love to live in love-land.
Don McCormick—I dream of Jean- nile
Mr. Musgrove—Ready - get set - jump.
Barb Aylesworth—You should be set to music.
Allan Eddy—I got it bad and that ain't good.
Dave Lucas—How do you fall in love?
Ruby McVicar—Somebody is rock- ing my dreamboat.
Gordon Swan—The boy with the wistful eyes.
Marie McLean—Brown eyes.
Ray Morningstar—Green eyes.
Marg Latimer—I surrendered.



Eleanor McConkey, Don Harrison, Doris Dyke.

Phophesies

Mr. Graham —
Favorite Saying: "Open the book and see what it salz."
Ambition: To lead a symphony orchestra.
Probable Fate: Leading a juke box jive.

Keith Eddy —
Favorite Saying: "I'm Cold."
Ambition: Preacher.
Probable Fate: Wire bender.

Rev. Young —
Favorite saying: "snore".
Ambition: snore.
Probable fate: snore.

Leola Eastabrook —
Favorite saying: "Oh, now, see here"
Ambition: Airline Hostess.
Probable fate: Women's Auxiliary Paratroop corps.

Elton Thorne —
Favorite saying: "Where's Parker?"
Ambition: Hardware merchant.
Probable fate: Bus driver.

Roy McLean —
Favorite saying: "To be or not to be."
Ambition: Actor.
Probable fate: Teacher.

Mac Woods —
Favorite saying: "He".
Ambition: Singer at Carnegie Hall.
Probable fate: Man with the man- dollin.

Leon Sisson —
Favorite saying: "Haven't got my homework done."
Ambition: Teacher's pet.
Probable fate: two weeks' detention.

Catharine Janes —
Favorite saying: "Curses"
Ambition: To keep her fur coat like new.
Probable fate: Moths.

Murray Parker —
Favorite saying: "Please Miss Shep- pard?"
Ambition: Frenchman.
Probable fate: Frenchman.

Mr. Musgrove —
Favorite saying: "My gracious man"
Ambition: Teaching Latin.
Probable fate: Learning Latin.

Charles Miller —
Favorite saying: "Lend me your Latin, Tinny?"
Ambition: Jive Trombone player.
Probable fate: Doing the "Conga".

Bob Graham —
Favorite saying: "Hello, Drip."
Ambition: Barber assistant.
Probable fate: shaving himself.

Allen Eddy —
Favorite saying: "Oh hum"
Ambition: To make a registerless furnace.
Probable fate: Back seat manufac- turer.

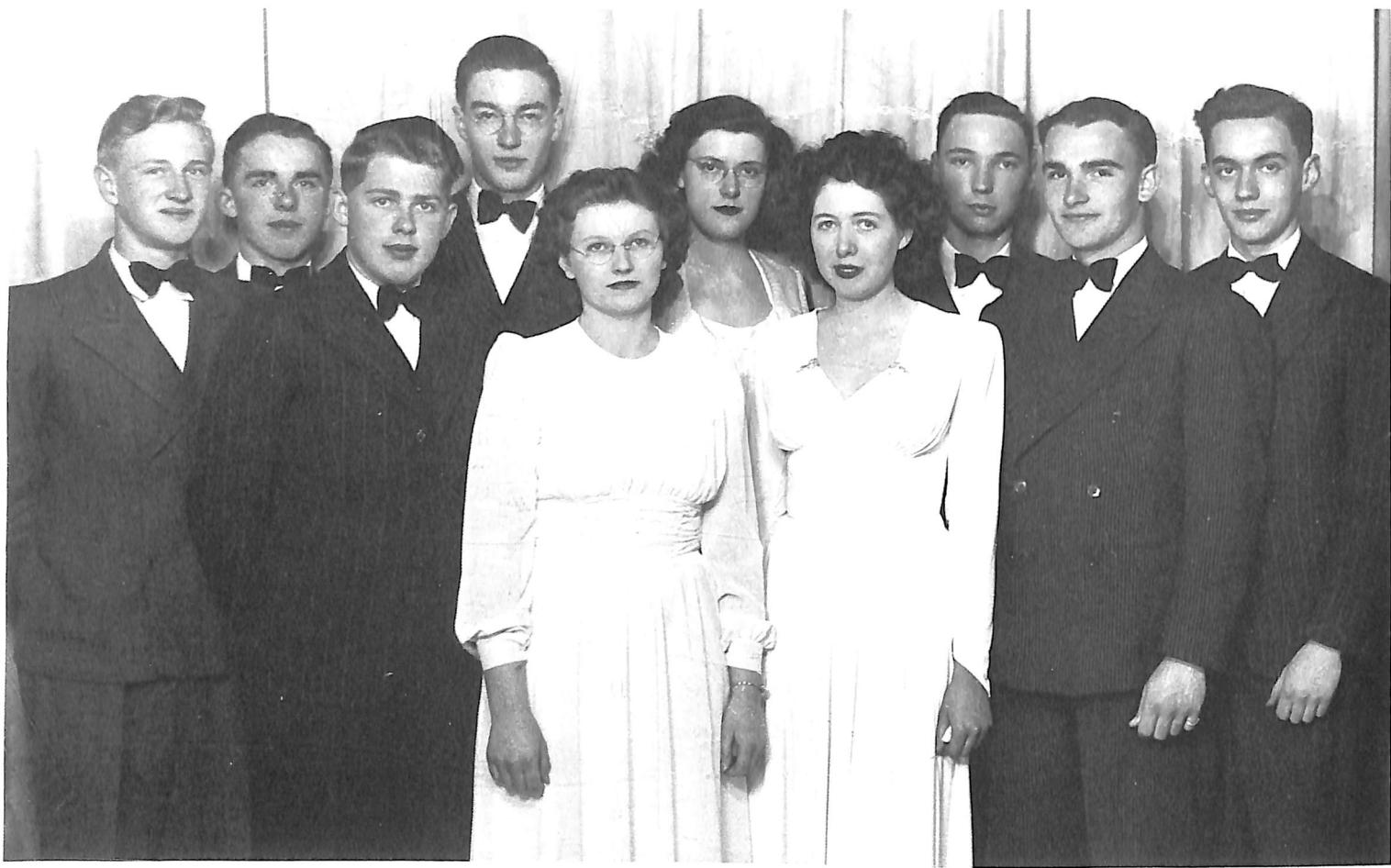
John Watt —
Favorite saying: "Jimliny"
Ambition: Rifle Marksman.
Probable fate: Shooting pool.

Donald Beacom —
Favorite saying: "You know."
Ambition: Editor of "Reader's Di- gest."
Probable fate: Editor of "Look".



Ella Coneybeare, Jean Cook, Zelda McCaw, Pat Richardson.

1944 Grade XII Graduates



Douglas Sifton, Donald Beacom, Charles Miller, Beverly Young, Eleanor Lucas, Catherine Janes, Alexia Clark, Roy McLean, Gordon Swan, Allan Eddy. Absent: Robert Graham.

1944 Grade X Graduates

Donna Acton, Donald Blain, Grace Flemming, Ivan Lucas, Donald McCormick, Andrew Peterson, Murray Parker, Jeanne Dyke, Franklin Fuller, Donald Harfield, Maxine Healey, Burton Cook, Eleanor McKercher, Catherine Carroll, Eleanor Blain, Victor Sifton, William Skillen, Norma Westgate, William Auld.

1944 Grade XIII Graduates

Phyllis Barnes, Lorna Fuller, Ralph Lucas, Stancey Thompson, Mac Woods.



Mr. Miller: "Now, Charlie, if you put your hand in one pocket and pulled out 75 cents, then put your hand in the other pocket and pulled out 75c, what would you have?"
Charlie "Somebody else's pants."

Brian Eddy, Vivian Trenouth, Bruce Miller.



Charles Miller, Allan Eddy, Frank Bunt.

PROGRAMME

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS Mr. Andrew Hay
 OPERETTA Pirates of Penzance
 PLAY Mrs. Adis
 PIANO DUET Catherine Carroll, Helene Stinson
 PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS Reeve Harper
 VALEDICTORY Donald Beacon
 PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS H. M. Miller
 PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL PIN
 to Alexia Clark Madeline Hollingsworth
 SOLO Esther Dowling
 PLAY Elmer and the Lovebug

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN PLAY "MRS. ADIS"

This is a one-act play based upon rural life in Sussex, England, in which the chief characters are Peter Crouch, a local nc'er-do-well and Mrs. Adis, a widow, somewhat toilworn after bringing up her only son, Tom.

Mrs. Adis Barbara Dick
 Peter Crouch Beverly Young
 Tom Ken Morris
 Vidler Roy McLean
 Kemp Charlie Husty
 Hobden Eldon Acton
 Directed by Mr. J. W. Musgrove.

OPERETTA "PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

Cast of Characters:

Major, General Stanley Alexia Clark
 The Pirate King Allan Eddy
 Samuel, his Lieutenant Victor Sifton
 Frederic, the Pirate Apprentice Alex. Harrison
 Sergeant of Police Douglas Sifton
 Mabel, one of Gen. Stanley's Daughters Esther Dowling
 Ruth, a Pirate Maid Josephine Towriss
 Pianist, Josephine Towriss; Assistant, Helene Stinson.
 Chorus Pirates

Donald Beacon, Bill Adams, Brian Eddy, Louis Eddy, Keith Williamson, Burton Cook, Donald McEwen.

Chorus of General Stanley's Daughters and their following

Lorna Lucas, Betty MacKellar, Mary Ann Newell, Donelda Sisson, Florence Smith, Kathryn Werden, Teresa Gavigan, Clara Brown, Jane Clark, Esther Dowling, Hester Werden, Marie McGregor, Catharine Carroll, Jeanne Dyke, Eleanor McKercher, Helene Stinson, Vivian Trenouth, Margaret Latimer, Romelda Northcott, Jean Robertson.

Chorus of Police

Murray Beacon, Bruce Robertson, Donald Edwards, Ronald Trenouth, Gordon Greer, Ivan Lucas.

Orchestra for Opera

Violins, Alexia Clark, Ivan Lucas Cornet, Bruce Miller
 Trombone, Charles Miller Baritone, Donald Edwards
 Tuba, Louis Eddy.

Directed by Mr. A. J. Graham.

"ELMER AND THE LOVEBUG"

By Beatrice Humiston McNeil

JANIE COLLIER, about eighteen Donna Acton
 JEANIE, her twin sister Margaret Latimer
 SUSAN, their younger sister Madeline Hollingsworth
 ELMER, their brother Charles Miller
 FANNIE BELLE Muriel Hollingsworth
 a colored girl who works by the day.
 LUKE LAWSON, a college student Keith Eddy
 HUBERT BROWN, about Luke's age Donald McCormick
 MILLICENT CARR, a friend of Susan Doris Winter
 CECIL, Elmer's friend Bruce Miller
 Stage Managers, Catherine Janes, Bill Auld, Gordon Swan
 Scene: Combination livingroom and diningroom of the
 Collier Family.

Time: Late afternoon of a hot summer day.
 Directed by Miss Ida Sheppard



Miss Hamilton—Can you think of anything you can do better than anybody else?

Bruce Miller—Yes, mam, I can read my own handwriting.

Mr. Musgrove: "What are you doing there, Bruce?"

Bruce: "Helping Charlie Husty, sir."

Mr. Musgrove: "And what is Charlie doing?"

Bruce: "Nothing, sir."

1943-44 LITERARY SOCIETY

The nomination meeting was held late in October. After the election speeches the results were as follows:

President: Bob Graham
 Vice-president: Alexia Clark
 Sec'y-treas.: Madeline Hollingsworth

Editor: Stancey Thompson
 Assistant Editor: Phyllis Barnes
 Poet: Mac Woods

Prophet: Charles Miller

Historian: Donald Beacon

This year each grade has been responsible for one meeting. As Grades 12 and 13 are rather small they went together and had two meetings. The first one was a debate and the second was a humorous skit on their fate ten years from now. Grade 11 produced a play "Sister Sue"; Grade 10 entertained us by imitating our favorite radio programs.

SWEATER HOPS

This year the pupils of Watford High School "sweater hopped" four nights to the strains of today's most famous orchestras and to the songs of Frank Sinatra.

Shortly after their election the Literary Society sponsored a Sweater Hop. A few weeks later the Girls' Society put a notice on the bulletin board, "Sweater Hop" on Friday night; the Boys' Athletic Society not to be left in the dust put a sign up a few weeks later. The Literary Society wanted to raise money for the Red Cross and at the executive's suggestion they held another sweater hop, the proceeds of which went to the Red Cross.

An admission price of ten cents was charged, and an additional fine of five cents was charged to anyone failing to appear in a sweater at this Red Cross Sweater Hop.

You'd never guess it but there are a few "shrinking violets" among the boys who hide in corners instead of dancing. Maybe it's because it's Leap Year. One never knows. We like to assure you these boys who can always learn—remember, Mr. Graham did the "cokey-okey"!

Refreshments were sold during the evening and "God Save The King" was played at eleven-thirty.

I think everyone agrees that the Sweater Hops have been a huge success—so don't you think that it would be a good idea to have another one before some of the pupils go out on farm leave?

W.H.S. ORCHESTRA, 1943-44

(By Alexia Clark)

The sign "Orchestra Practice Tonight, All Instruments Please Be Present" was seen very seldom on the Bulletin Board this year, until Commencement brought frenzied practice.

The Orchestra of 1943-44 made its debut at the Christmas Lit. meeting where it piloted the student body through the maze of Christmas Carols. In the pit at this time were Bruce Miller, cornet; Charles Miller, trombone; Donald Lucas, Ivan Lucas, Alexia Clark, violins; Jane Clark, flute; June Searson, pianist and Mr. Graham, as conductor, played the viola on the side. By Commencement our number will be strengthened by Victor Sifton and his tuba.

Mr. Graham's willingness to copy and transpose music for the instruments and to endure the uproar created by the same instruments is really appreciated by the orchestra members.



Jean Cook, Marg Latimer, Leo
 la Eastabrook.

1945 Grade XII Graduates



First Row: Charles Husty, Doris Winter, Bruce Miller. Second Row: Barbara Dick, Eldon Acton, Madeline Hollingsworth, Leon Sisson, Grace Fleming. Third Row: Romelda Northcott, Jean Robertson, Margaret Latimer. Fourth Row: Keith Eddy, Ken Morris, Bill Adams.

1945 Grade X Graduates

Clara Brown, Esther Dowling, Alex Harrison, Margaret Adams, Murray Beacom, Jane Clark, Brian Eddy, Louis Eddy, John Fuller, Muriel Hollingsworth, Marie McGregor, Joan Mitchell, Bruce Robertson, Joyce Skillen, Norma Shortt, Josephine Towriss, Russell Trenouth, Hester Werden, June Winter.

1945 Grade XIII Graduates

Don Beacom, Alexis Clark, Catherine Janes, Charles Miller, Roy McLean, Doug Sifton, Leon Sisson, Bev Young.



Louis Eddy



Jane Clark

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our sixth wartime Commencement. How many more? Let us hope that this is the last and as we are beginning to see a ray of light in the victory horizon, let us put forth every effort to bring this gigantic struggle to a successful conclusion. When the battles are won, what about the Peace? Will the same effort be put forth into bringing about a successful peace as we put forth into bringing about a successful victory? Here is where you graduates and under graduates will have to play your part in bringing about a successful peace, and to see to it that the peace we have been striving for shall be maintained.

PROGRAMME

OPENING NUMBER "O CANADA".....	School
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.....	Mr. A. A. Fisher
"THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING" from "Creation" by Hayden	School Orchestra
DUTCH DANCE	Junior Girls
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS.....	H. M. Miller
PROPHESY	Murray Beacom
CHORAL NUMBER.....	School Chorus
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....	Reeve C. C. Harper
VALEDICTORY.....	Keith Eddy
VOCAL SOLO.....	Esther Dowling
SPANISH DANCE	Senior Girls
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL PIN	by Bruce Miller
CHORAL NUMBER.....	School Chorus
INSTRUMENTAL	Donelda Sisson

"LUNCHEON FOR SIX"

Cast of Characters

Lots Osborn	Muriel Hollingsworth
Jim Osborn, her father	Murray Parker
Dolly Osborn, her mother.....	Catherine Carroll
Mary Wilcox, a friend	Helene Stinson
Edgar Barton, who knows Jim.....	Burton Cook
George Stewart, who knows Mary.....	Gordon Graham

Directed by Miss Inez Sheppard.

Promoter, Barbara Dick.

Properties, Bill Adams and Eldon Acton.

GOD SAVE THE KING

1944-45 Boys' Basketball Team



Front Row: Murray Parker, Charles Husty, Bruce Miller, Eldon Acton. Middle Row: Burton Cook, Don Harfield, Bill Auld, Murray Beacom. Back Row: Bill Adams, Don Blain, Vic Sifton, Alex McTaggart, Ken Morris.

LITERARY SOCIETY, 1944-45

[By Charles Miller]

This year saw one of the most active election campaigns as there has been for quite a few years. Both parties striving to win votes, used everything from pin-ups to vows to sway the voting student body. The results of the election were as follows:

President: Alexia Clark
 Vice-President: Madeline Hollingsworth
 Sec'y-Treasurer: Charles Miller
 Editor: Catharine Carroll
 Assistant Editor: Allan Eddy
 Pianist: Josephine Towriss
 Prophet: Margaret Latimer
 Historian: Bruce Miller
 Poet: Doris Winter

SWEATER HOPS

[By Keith Eddy]

This year found both Boys' and Girls' Athletic Societies in full swing with the 'one a month' dance plan turning out very successfully. At the beginning of the school year a delegation representing the athletic societies strived for the system of having a sweater hop at the end of every month, thus making the dances more stable and uniform throughout the year and ever increasing their popularity. Under the capable management of the dance committees from both athletic societies the plan was put into effect and proved to the students that this system was more successful than previous years. It gave the students time to plan their work, knowing that they had a definite date set for their dance, they could plan their time accordingly, so as not to interfere with their school work in any way.

Throughout the year enough money was raised to pay the \$2.50 tax levied by the Literary Society; to buy a new basketball; to pay for music facilities and to leave a considerable balance in each society's treasury.

The music this year was supplied by Robert Graham who generously lent his exquisite collection of records and radio to the high school. Our thanks goes to him and to everyone who co-operated in making our sweater-hops a success.

The two dance committees who worked in close co-ordination to plan and prepare each dance, are:

Alexia Clark, Madeline Hollingsworth, Margaret Latimer, Doris Winter; Douglas Sifton, Leon Sisson and Keith Eddy.



Betty Flood, Reta Jane Miller, Marie McGregor.

1946 Grade XII Graduates



Murray Parker, Norma Westgate, Robert Bidner, Frances Field, Howard McTaggart, Ruth Gray, Andrew Peterson, Jean Wright, Marie Young, Helene Stinson, Anna Carlson, Grant Armstrong, Maxine Healey, Donald Harfield, Catherine Carroll, William Auld, Donna Acton, Victor Sifton, Eleanor McKercher, Donald Blain. Absent: Vivian Trenouth.

1946 Grade X Graduates

Helen Blunt, Donald Edwards, Eileen McLung, Ramona Flood, Laverne Hollingsworth, Calla Janes, Frazer Lacey, Lorna Lucas, Maxine Lucas, Betty McKellar, Helen McEwen, Reta Jane Miller, Doris Morgan, Mary Ann Newell, Donelda Sisson, Florence Smith, Marilyn Steele, Ronald Trenouth, Catherine Werden, Dora Woodall.

1946 Grade XIII Graduates

Eldon Acton, Alec Bell, Helen Black, Howard Clark, Bruce Miller, Margaret Patterson.

LITERARY SOCIETY 1945-46

[By Donna Acton]

Last October an exciting election was held in the W.H.S. There was the usual rivalry between parties A and B. The results of the election were as follows:

President: Bruce Miller

Vice-President: Catherine Carroll

Sec'y-treasurer: Helene Stinson

Editor: William Adams

Assistant: Vivian Trenouth

Prophet: Muriel Hollingsworth

Historian: Eleanor McKercher

Poet: Dora Woodall

The first meeting took the form of the popular radio quiz "Take it or leave it". There was one representative from each form. Pennies were used instead of dollars so as not to break the Society's Treasury. The second feature on the program was a colorful folk dance presented by the girls of Grades 11, 12 and 13.

At the last meeting Grades 12 and 13 participated in a debate, "Bachelors over thirty should be taxed". Those taking the negative side were Charles Husty and Howard Clark; the affirmative were Catherine Carroll and Murray Parker. After a humorous discussion the judges declared the affirmative the winners.

1945-46 ORCHESTRA

[By June E. Bell]

During the past two months, the Watford High School Orchestra has been practising frenziedly for its debut at the annual Commencement. From Mr. Graham's room at noon and after four the strains of Hayden and Belline [grand opera of course] light, snappy marches and quiet lullabys have poured forth with loud clashes. I must admit a few of our notes were sour, but due to Mr. Graham's excellent leadership and good musical ear, our rehearsals have sounded sweeter and sweeter every week. [Surely

no one will want to argue with me on that point].

The music-makers are as follows: Nathley Dowling, Leila Westgate and Frazer Lacey play sweet violins; June Bell on a haunting viola [and does it ever haunt]; Grant Armstrong plays a wicked trumpet; Bruce Miller gives out on a hot cornet; Howard Clark plays an amorous alto horn; Donny Edwards pumps on a hefty baritone and Helen Black bangs capably away on the piano. When Mr. Graham thinks we can get along without his conducting he ably assists on his own viola.

PROGRAMME

"O CANADA"

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS	Mr. A. Fisher
GYMNASICS	Senior Girls
CHORAL: LOBSTER QUADRILLE AND COCKLES AND MUSSELS	Grade Nine
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION DIPLOMAS	Reeve Gribbin
VALEDICTORY	Catherine Carroll
DANCE, "SWEDISH SCHOTTISCHE"	Junior Girls
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS	H. M. Miller
PROPHECY	Betty MacKellar
DANCE NU A DE JUL IGEN	Junior Girls
ORCHESTRA, Wagner's Tannhauser and Blue Waves Waltz.	
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL PIN To Margaret Adams	Helene Stinson
DANCE EASTER PARADE	Senior Girls
GYMNASICS AND PYRAMIDS	Boys Gymn. Team
PLAY	"Brothers in Arms"

CAST OF CHARACTERS

DOROTHEA BLACK	Helene Stinson
MAJOR ALTRUS BLACK	Burton Cook
EID. A BACH WOODSMAN	Donald Monroe
CHARLIE HENDERSON A FACK WOODSMAN	Bill Trenouth
Directed by Miss Inez Sheppard	
Stage Manager, Al. Graham	Prompter, Florence Smith.
"GOD SAVE THE KING"	

1945-46 Boys' Basketball Team



Front Row: Bill Adams, Charles Husty, Eldon Acton, Bruce Miller, Bill Auld. Middle Row: Don Blain, Don Harfield, Ivan Lucas, Burton Cook, Murray Parker. Back Row: Bruce Robertson, Murray Bea-
com, Vic Sifton, Alex Harrison.

Did You Ever See - -

Charlie Husty with his homework
done?

Joan Harper when she wasn't look-
ing for Bruce?

Florence Smith without Donelda?
Bill Skillen without a cigaret?

Ron Trenouth in a non-poetic
mood?

Roy McDougall and Ken Blain when
they weren't playing ping pong?
Alex. Bell when he made less than
80%?

"The Alvinston Load" when they
weren't late?

Murray Parker when he had his
hair combed?

Andy Peterson when he wouldn't
play ball?

Jean Wright flirting?

Glen Barnes in a hurry?

Murray McKinlay at school two
days in succession?



Al Graham

This Page Sponsored by Keith Eddy

Alvinston Will Unite With Watford High School in September

Alvinston school board and Wat-
ford Bd. of Education have plans
well under way to inaugurate new
High School Area with the open-
ing of school in September and to
move the students of Alvinston
Continuation School over to Wat-
ford High School as a group.

The Alvinston principal, Mr. N.
A. Grainger, has already been en-
gaged for the Watford staff to suc-
ceed Mr. James Musgrove and teach
boys' athletics and shopwork. The
Board will seek to engage a Latin
specialist for all grades throughout
the school, and efforts are being
made to have school buses ready
to serve the entire area when the
new term opens in September.

The enrolment may be so in-
creased that two or more addition-
al teachers may be required, and
like Petrolia and Forest, Watford
is fully prepared to launch the
new High School area as soon as
Lambton County Council passes the
necessary bylaw at the June ses-
sion.

1945-46 Girls' Basketball Team



Front Row: Reta Jane Miller, Catherine Mitchell, Helene Stinson. Middle Row: Mary Ann Newell, Catherine Carroll, Margaret Adams, Donelda Sisson, Hester Werden. Back Row: Eleanor Blain, Jane Clark, Jean Robertson, Vivian Trenouth, Evelyn Healey, Jean Wright.

Mr. Graham: What is the best
way to prevent diseases caused by
biting insects?"

Bill Trenouth: Don't bite the
insects.

1947 Grade XII Graduates



Front Row: Estelle Wall, Joan Mitchell, Hester Werden, Joyce Skillen, Eleanor Blain, Jane Clark, Lauriss Selman, Margaret Adams, Fern Braithwaite, Greta McEachern, Anelda Black, June Winter, Marie McGregor. Back Row: Robert Carlson, Donald McEwen, Bruce Robertson, John Fuller, Burton Cook, Murray Beacom, Donald McKellar, Donald Munro, Alexander Harrison, Thomas Bell.

1947 Grade X Graduates

Kenneth Acton, Alma Aylesworth, Betty Barrett, Helena Black, Marilyn Bell, Kenneth Blain, Hugh Brown, Nathley Brown, Norma Downie, Betty Flood, Al Graham, Monica Graham, Gordon Greer, Barbara Hammond, Joan Harper, Evelyn Healey, Alexander Houston, Marilyn Jenken, Violet Kadey, Donald Lehrbass, Mae Leach, Dorothy McLung, Dorothy McLean, Ronald McKinlay, John Miller, Bernice Munro, Shirley Noble, Gordon Parker, Catherine Patterson, Betty Richardson, Mary Sifton, Wanda Smith, Joyce Thomson, Keith Williamson, Irene Willoughby, Lillian Woodall.

1947 Grade XIII Graduates

Granta Armstrong, Wm. Auld, Don Blain, Catherine Carroll, Bill Coristine, Barbara Dick, Don Harfield, Clarence McTaggart, Howard McTaggart, Murray Parker, Andrew Peterson, Victor Sifton, Helene Stinson, Vivian Trenouth, Marie Young.

STUDENT COUNCIL

(By Lorne Lucas)

In October the annual election of officers for the Student Council was held, with the following results: President, Tom Bell; Vice Pres., Florence Smith; Sec.-Treas., Estelle Wall; Editor, Don Munro; Poet, Ron Trenouth; Prophet, Betty MacKellar; Historian, Joan Mitchell.

Maxine Lucas, Helen McEwen, Reta Jane Miller, Marilyn Steele.



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PROGRAMME

OPENING CHORUS, The Lord's Prayer	Girls Chorus
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS	Warren Munro
DANCE, WALTZ QUADRILL	Grade X Girls
CORNET SOLO	Donald Munro
DANCE, MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME	Grade IX Girls
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Reeve Gribben
VALEDICTORY	Donald Munro
PRESENTATION INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS	H. M. Miller
PROPHESY	Bernice Munro
CHORUS [Long Long Ago, Over the Rainbow]	Grade IX
MAGIC	T. Bell, R. Trenouth, F. Lacey
DANCE, POP GOES THE WEASEL	Grade XI Girls
INSTRUMENTAL DUET	R. Caese, D. Munro
DANCE, MINUET	Grade XII Girls
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL PIN	
To Marion Patterson	Tom Bell
CHORUS It's Almost Like Being Love	High School Girls
GYMNASTICS	Gymn Team
PLAY	Soap Opera

CHARACTERS

GLADYS DUNN, a Sales Girl	Betty MacKellar
JENNY REEVES, a Housewife	Joan Mitchell
MRS. KAJONAS	Mary Ellen Pimblett
ED. REEVES, a Shipyard Worker	Burton Cook
LILY, a Taxicab Driver	Reta Jane Miller
THE WOMAN IN BLACK	Florence Smith
POLICE OFFICER	Richard Caese
FREDERICK, a Lawyer	Ewart Holbrook
RADIO ANNOUNCER and PROMOTER	Keith Williamson
Scene: The Reeves' Bungalow on the Edge of a Large City.	
TIME: An Afternoon in Spring.	

Field Day 1947 — Watford



Mr. Kalbflesch, Miss Hamilton, Miss Steer, Miss Sheppard, Mrs. Richards.



Mr. Grainger and Mr. Miller.



Don Blain, Senior Boys' Champion, 1947.



Beth Blain, Marilyn Steele, Evelyn Stephens.



Jean Wright, Donelda Sisson, Lorna Lucas.



Tom Bell, John Belan, Jack McConkey.

1948 Grade XII Graduates



Front Row: Donna McAlpine, Helen McEwen, Doris Morgan, Reta Jane Miller, Mary Anne Newell, Helen Blunt, Marion Patterson. Back Row: John Belan, Frazer Lacey, Lorna Lucas, Florence Smith, Donelda Sisson, Ron Trenouth, Ross Cross. Absent: Evelyn Stevens.

1948 Grade X Graduates

Bertha Annett, Elizabeth Blain, Shirley Brown, Vincent Brown, Richard Caese, Margaret Carmichael, Gordon Clark, Marilyn Cosen, Jean Ferguson, Marjory Greer, Mary Harrower, Ewart Holbrook, Margaret Husty, Leo Johnston, Mary Johnston, Donna Kelly, Ernie Lewis, Grace McAlpine, John Mahovlich, James Millier, Isabel Moffatt, Eleanor Morgan, Jean Myers, Roy Nichol, Janet Parker, Joe Prisciak, Ludvik Podolinsky, Doris Richardson, Larry Russell, Ruth Sifton, Gladys Spearman, Mary Werden, Jenny Williams.

1948 Grade XIII Graduates

Murray Beacom, Thomas Bell, Robert Carlson, Alex Harrison, Marie MacGregor, Joan Mitchell, Don Munro, Jean Wright.

Betty Flood, Eve Healey, Don Munro, Monica Graham.



PROGRAMME

OPENING CHORUS	..... Girl's Choir Father in Heaven [Handel]; Donkey's Serenade
CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS	..... Mr. Warren A. Munro
PIANO SOLO	..... Stanley Werden
DANCE, IRISH LILT	..... Grade IX Girls
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATION DIPLOMAS	..... Reeve Gribben
VALEDICTORY	..... Ronald Trenouth
PRESENTATION OF INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMAS	..... H. M. Miller
PROPHESY	..... Grace McAlpine
DANCE, LITTLE MAN IN A FIX	..... Grade X Girls
PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL PIN:	
To Norma Downie	..... Ronald Trenouth
DANCE, TURKEY IN THE STRAW	..... Grade XI Girls
CHORUS "Little David Play on Your Harp" "We Shall the Ocean Blue"	..... Boy's Choir
DANCE, VIENNA WALTZ	..... Grade XII Girls
A FANTASY "THE APPLE OF DISCORD"	..... Grade XI
VIOLIN DUET	..... Frazer Lacey and Tom Bell
GYMNASIICS	..... Boy's Gym Team

PLAY, one-act comedy WHO GETS THE CAR TO-NIGHT?

CHARACTERS

MR. JONES, the father	..... Ewart Holbrook
MRS. JONES, the mother	..... Betty McKellar
PAUL JONES, the son	..... Tom Bell
MARY JONES, the daughter	..... Mary Ann Newell
JACK, her boy friend	..... Gordon Clark
DIRECTED BY	..... Miss Inez Sheppard
PROMPTER	..... Lorna Lucas
PROPERTIES	..... Helen Blunt
PLACE:	The living-room of the Jones Home.
TIME:	The present, any evening.



Dances, Literary meetings and other social events which are held during the school year are directed by the above students, who as a body, are known as the Literary Society. These students are elected to office by the student body at annual elections held each fall. Front row left to right, Katherine Patterson, Vice-president, Ron Trenouth, President, Betty McKellar, Prophet; back row, Dick Caise, Editor, Ewart Holbrook, Poet, Tom Bell, Secretary, and Frazer Lacey, Historian.

--Guide-Advocate Photo



The Girls Basketball team brought top honors to their school this year by capturing the W.O.S.S.A. championship for the district, but were eliminated from the play-downs by the sharp-shooting Exeter team. Players reading left to right are, Betty Flood, Beth Blain, Katherine Patterson, Reta Jane Miller, Mary Ann Newell, Monica Graham, Marilyn Jenken, Irene Willoughby, Donelda Sisson and Helen Blunt. Absent from the picture are Bernice Munro and Marion Patterson.

--Guide-Advocate Photo



Joan Harper, Bernice Brown, Marilyn Bell.

GRADUATION DANCE TUESDAY, March 30th

ERIC SCOTT
His Trumpet and his Orchestra
Dress Semi-formal
Admission: \$1.50 couple



John Miller, Mary Ann Newell.

1949 Grade XII Graduates



Front Row: Mary Sifton, Betty Flood, Elizabeth Williams, Helena Black, Monica Graham, Barbara Hammond, Mae Leach, Shirley Noble, Catherine Patterson, Bernice Munro. Back Row: Douglas Barber, Malcom Curtis, Nathley Dowling, Betty McKellar, Joyce Thompson, Betty Richardson, Alex Houston, Wanda Smith, Elizabeth Blain, Irene Willoughby, Normie Downie, Ron McKinlay, Donald Lehrbass.

1949 Grade X Graduates

Robert Adams, Robert Barber, Rose Blain, Anne Brown, Eugene Brown, Bernice Bryce, Donna Burr, Betty Carmichael, Gordon Curtis, Emilea Demko, Evelyn Doan, Francis Dolan, Madeline Edwards, Lois Falloon, James Ferguson, Norma Greer, Barbara Handleman, Dorothy Hollingsworth, John Lambert, Joan Lehrbass, Alma Logan, Helen Logan, Mary Maher, Murray McTaggart, Irene Mitten, Keith Moffatt, Margaret Pitz, Gwendolyn Selman, Donald Smith, Frank Szarka, Muriel Thompson, Dorothy Vogt, Nola Watson, Marilyn Williamson, Evelyn Zavitz, Muriel Zavitz.

Teacher's Favourite Sayings [by Ewart Holbrook]

Miss Sheppard—"Ou êtes vous alle hier soir?"

Mr. Michie—"There are a few who are still chattering."

Mrs. Blair—[Grade XII, seconds after noon bell rings] "Let's translate the next sentence."

Mrs. Richards—"Now this point is hard to get."

Miss Hamilton—"Did you bring your book, Joe?" [Prisclak]

Mr. Miller—"What we need is more co-operation among the students."

Mr. Grainger—"Make those passes good."

Miss Clark—"What next?"

Mr. Irvin—"Not necessarily!"

1949 Grade XIII Graduates

Ross Cross, Frazer Lacey, Lorna Lucas, Mary Ann Newell, Marian Patterson, Ron Trenouth.

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IS JUST
AROUND
THE
CORNER**

**School Days Mean
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Sheila Brown, Betty McKinlay, Bertha Annett, Gladys Spearman, Marg Husty, Ruth Sifton, Bernice Healey, Greta Caley.



Ernie Lewis, Alex Houston, Lee Johnson, Vince Brown, Jim Harper, Mac Curtis, Jim Millier, Ewart Holbrook, Doug Barber, Larry Russell, Nellis Clark, Bill Dolbear, Jack Woodall, Gene Brown.

Do You Remember . . .

— Mr. Miller saying, "The door is as wide open for you to go out as it was for you to come in.

— climbing the old water tower.

— decorating the gym for the dances.

— having two school entrances — the north entrance for boys and the south one for girls.

— "skipping school" to see an afternoon movie at the Capitol Theatre in Sarnia.

— Mr. Miller ringing the school bell to call everyone to classes.

— "Mairzy Doats and Dozy Doats", "Rum and Coca Cola", "Strip Polka", "Dipsy Doodle", "The Flat Foot Floo-gee", "The Hut-Sut Song", "The Chattanooga Choo Choo."

— having to get a government license to own a radio.

— siphoning gas from several cars to get enough gas in one car to drive to London.

— Taylor's at noon hour; the jute box, 5 cent double-dip cones, 5 cent cokes, Black Cats for 10 cents a pack.

— someone opening the tap in the lab table just before leaving science class.

— water dripping from the ceiling during the Latin class.

— when girls, being unable to get nylons, would paint their legs and make a line down the back to look like a seam.

— getting out of school by April 30 to go on "farm leave."

— Mr. Miller saying, "Now watch the board while I go through it again."

— the long rough rides on the first school buses.

— D. Day, V.E. Day, the atomic bomb, V.J. Day.

— getting two weeks detention.

— the garden at the back of the school.

— Cavenaugh's taking over for Taylor's.

— and, of course, the graduation and the alumni dances, the basketball games, the field meets, the school orchestra sessions, the badminton games, the gymnastic drills, the school plays, and the commencement exercises.

PROPHESIES

(by Frank Bunt)

ALLAN EDDY—

Ambition—Lawyer

Probable Fate—Victim of heart balm

Favourite Saying—I can dream, can't I?

CHARLES MILLER—

Ambition—Trombone player (our school orchestra)

Probable Fate—Owner of a pawn shop ticket

Favourite Saying—Buzz off.

DOROTHY COKE—

Ambition—Teacher

Probable Fate—Teacher's wife

Favourite Saying—My mummy done told me.

JACK CALDWELL—

Ambition—Metropolitan Opera House

Probable Fate—Bath tub baritone.

Favourite Saying—Gosh, I laughed.

ANNE GRIBBEN—

Ambition—Agricultural College

Probable Fate—B. Sc. A.

Favourite Saying—Well-uh, well-uh

RAYMOND MORNINGSTAR—

Ambition—To drive with no hands on the wheel

Probable Fate—Hospital bill

Favourite Saying—Oh fuzz!

ZELDA McCAW—

Ambition—Minister's wife

Probable Fate—Leading in the Lord's Prayer

Favourite Saying—"You're not funny."

RALPH LUCAS—

Ambition—Minister

Probable Fate—Milking cows

Favourite Saying—Haven't got my homework done.

MADELINE LAWRENCE—

Ambition—Nurse

Probable Fate—Superintendent of an Orphan home

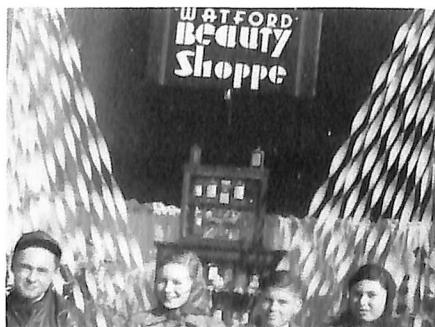
Favourite Saying—Little to the left.

PAT RICHARDSON—

Ambition—Glamour Girl

Probable Fate—Writing Slogans for Ford Co.

Favourite Saying—Kiss me again, Bob."



BILLY CORISTINE—

Ambition—Trumpet Player

Probable Fate—Beauty Parlor Proprietor

Favourite Saying—"Got your French done?"

ROBERT GRAHAM—

Ambition—Owner of a chicken ranch

Probable Fate—Assistant Barber

Favourite Saying—"Chocolate Cone please."

BETTY CLARKE—

Ambition—Model

Probable Fate—Marriage

Favourite Saying—"I didn't know what time it was."

Mr. Graham [in Chemistry class]

After 20 years I finally busted an atom, and now I can't find the pieces.

Beth Blain: "Sometimes my father takes things apart to see why they don't go."

Ewart Holbrook: "So What?"

Beth: "So you'd better go."

Miss Hamilton: Ella, what's an operetta?

Ella C.: Don't be silly, it's a girl who works for the telephone company.

1950-1959



The 50's What Can We Say

The long awaited new addition was opened in 1955 and another in 1957. It was the end of the era of H. M. Miller as principal and the beginning of Mr. F. O. Michie's rule. Girls wore reversible skirts, angora sweaters, bobby sox and saddle shoes. The boys wore jeans or slacks, V neck sweaters, plaid shirts and cardigans.

You could earn your school letter, a large embroidered W, by collecting 5 school bars in either sports or academics. This you could sew on the back of your cardigan and wear it proudly. The design of the gym was unique with six large windows on the upper floor overlooking the gym. They were great for

girls or boys watching. Our term marks appeared in the local weekly newspaper, the Watford Guide for all to see. The monthly literary meetings were held in the gym; there were not enough chairs at the school so the boys who could talk their fathers into letting them drive to school got the chairs. This could take at least half a day. The literary society became the student council in 1958. Student cards were first issued in 1954. It was popular for boys to be in Cadets and the girls joined in the mid 50's. Basketball was popular and field days were held spring and fall. The enrolment in 1954 was 246 and in spring of 1959 it had risen to 365. The Alumni dances, a formal

affair with big name bands continued to be held in December.

You could buy a gallon of gas for 29 cents, a 56 Ford for \$2,900.00, but your wages might also be 50 cents to 75 cents per hour.

We have put together some memories of the 50's for you, hope you will enjoy them.



1956-57 Retiring Principal Harry Miller on the right. Present Principal Frank Michie on the left.

Teachers Of The 50's

Mr. H. M. Miller: Principal, Math
 Mr. Frank Michie: Principal, Agriculture, Science
 Mr. Ardel Grainger: Shop, Algebra, Geometry, P.T.
 Mr. Ray Morningstar: Math, Commercial
 Mrs. Ella Blair: Latin, Vocational Guidance
 Mr. Sheilds: Latin (Substituted for Mrs. Blair)
 Mrs. Lena Richards: Art History, English Literature
 Miss Inez Sheppard: Home Ec., French
 Miss Muriel Clark: French, P.T.

Miss Helen Hamilton: Music, English
 Mr. Jim Irvine: Commercial
 Mrs. Dolores (Garrod) Ferguson: French, P.T.
 Mrs. Sheila (Marshall) Beaton: French, P.T., Music
 Mr. Bob Watson: P.T., History, Geography, Law, Economics
 Mr. Burt Needham: Agriculture, Science, Physics
 Miss Louise Werden: Commercial
 Mr. Lorne Gilroy: Social Studies, P.T.
 Mr. Jim Giles: Agriculture, Science
 Mr. Gerry Weber: Math
 Miss Joan McGill: Commercial

Mr. Stan Rowe: Shop
 Mr. Bill Davies: Science, Agriculture
 Mr. Bob Morrow: P.T., History
 Mr. Ed Gray: Math
 Dr. Myers: Science
 Miss Sanderson: Commercial
 Miss Carol Rush: Home Economics
 Mr. Gerry Benner: Shop
 Mr. Bob Lyle: Science, Chemistry
 Mr. Ed Kearns: Commercial
 Miss Ilene Oleskevich: P.T., French
 Miss Pat Reynolds: Home Economics
 Mrs. Violet Michie: Home Economics

Students Continue To Be Bused To W.H.S.



Bruce Sharp and son Robert — 1954.



In 1946 Gerry Cowan, Lionel McCaw and Orville Wallis bought 3 London City buses and started the busing of students to high school. The first drivers were Alex McLean, Lionel McCaw and Gerry Cowan. The next year regular school buses were bought. In the late 40's with the same drivers as the first year were Gord Redmond and his brother-in-law, Fred Griffith. Gerry Cowan tells of one of the first mornings getting lost. Then on 27 sideroad coming upon a flock of sheep on the road, Gerry asked his passengers if any of them were named Mary. One girl admitted to being Mary Jones. Gerry said, "Here are your sheep." This broke the ice and the trip went smoother after this. Gerry was a good driver and put up with a lot, but if he stopped the bus in between his regular stops, someone was about to get off and they would have to walk home, always with good reason. Bus drivers in the 50's were Gord Bowie, Orville Edwards, George Edwards, Franklin Auld, Walter Eastabrook, Harold Sutton, Vance Kersey, Clayton Morgan, Bruce Sharp, Fred Wilson, Bill Dodge, Don Hollingsworth, Mac MacLachlan. Notice none of the drivers were women!

Caretakers

Barney Anderson, Vance Kersey, Orville Edwards, Elmer McLean.

Secretary

Mrs. Jean Galbraith became the school secretary in 1956.

“Does My Alma Mater”?

Oh, does my ‘Alma Mater’ as the years roll by,
As we think about our school days, reminiscing with a sigh?
Those years to us are precious — and more lovely to behold
As the time flies quickly by, and we’re faced with ‘growing old’!
The experiences we had, at ‘good old Watford High’
Will ne’er forgotten be, by every girl and guy!
Down all those hallow’d halls, their eager feet would tread . . .
Where some have met the mate, that they have later wed.
Saddle shoes and bobbie socks, Poodle skirts and white graduation frocks;
Hoola hoops and social hops, Locker rooms and friendly talks!
The choir and operettas we fondly recall:
Singing ‘Rose Marie’ and ‘Indian Love Call’.
And Mr. Harry Miller had a special charm,
As our very own ‘Principal’ right arm!
Though small in stature, yet giant in heart,
In all our development, he played a vital part!
When it came to sports, Sheila never could be ‘Beaton’,
As in blue gymsuits we often would be meetin’;
But before marrying John, she’d ‘Marshall’ us to the gym
For basketball games, which we often did win!
Her lessons in health and fitness too
Are beneficial to us, our whole lives through.
We ‘take off our hats’ to Ella Blair:
A Latin instructor beyond compare!
A vivacious personality she did have,
And all of her energy she willingly gave.
“Now, tempus fugit”, she would say,
“So let’s not waste this lovely day”!
“Quo Vadis?”, some would enquire, of a bunch
Heading up to the ‘Latin Quarter’ for lunch!
In ‘periculum’ our marks will be
If we forget to learn our vocabulary!
So we studied for exams in an ‘imperative mood’!
Learning declensions and paradigms the best that we could.
The young Dolores Garrod was the ‘French Connection’
Who, according to her students, could teach with true perfection!
“Have you studied your vocabulary? — We’re going to have a test!”

— And in ‘Phys. Ed.’ encouraged us girls to do our best;
Well, ‘Ferguson’ later became her last name:
Marrying a man of (future) parliamentary fame!
In Algebra and Geometry our memories are ‘swell’,
Of a teacher — Mr. Grainger — whose first name is Ardell.
Who helped us solve our problems to the nth degree!
And a teacher of expertise, his ‘angle’ was to be!
Doing ‘circles around us’; with hypotheses he taught;
And with his life, demonstrating what a ‘square’ is not!
Then ‘English Lit’ was ‘neat’ in Helen Hamilton’s room.
With ‘Silas Marner’, ‘Chapdelain’ and even Lorna Doone;
Then ‘Grass of Parnassus’ we would memorize,
And out of Stephen Leacock we would often get a rise!
With Lampman and Tennyson, Wordsworth and Keats
— Those talented young poets whom no-one ever beats!
Well, Physics and Chemistry were never ‘Michie Mouse’ . . .
Experiments were exciting, yet they never ‘brought down the house’!
Our teacher with his expertise would gently fan the flame,
And properties and densities we’d often try to name.
Now we had a ‘Ray’ of sunshine, every single day:
— This bright and ‘Morningstar’ who impressed in every way
His students, to whom he taught Business and Math,
And never did display an extreme amount of wrath!
A tall and gentle teacher was a man named Bert,
Yet with batteries and acids we often did flirt.
For prisms, pulleys and levers, we certainly did ‘Needham’;
And with his ‘magnet-ic’ personality, who wouldn’t heed him?
Lena Richards certainly made ‘Prester John’ come alive,
As, into Literature classes, we all would take a dive!
Her lessons truly were ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’!
And ‘Romeo and Juliet’ would always make us beam!
This tiny lady was an historian with expertise:

To the world’s great events, she would hold the keys!
Now, Inez was always the ‘Sheppard’ of us girls:
— Arriving for ‘Home Ec.’ in poodle skirts and curls;
There we learned to set the table, just ‘so-so’,
And pleated aprons also, we’d eagerly sew.
Then, skirts and blouses we did make, From ‘cotton piqué’ and ‘crinkle crêpe’!
“Fill the bobbin, thread the machine — before the bell rings”.
And Mrs. Michie taught us to make some more things:
For knitting and crocheting were her style,
And learning to smock truly brought a smile.
There was n’ary an explosion in the Home Ec. room —
‘Though our faithful old pressure cooker’d nearly lower the boom!
Great times the guys also had in the ‘Shop’: Using power tools, till the bell made them stop;
Many a Christmas gift would come from there —
Whether a lamp, book ends or even a chair!
So
‘Consilio et Animo’
Our motto still is true, we know.
One hundred years young — and oh what a jewel!
So, ‘Happy Birthday’ to our beautiful school!
by Betty (Dolbear) Cross.

Watford District High School

H. M. MILLER, B.A.
PRINCIPAL



O. E. MCGOWAN,
SECRETARY

WATFORD, Ontario
July 5, 1950

Dear Mum,

Congratulations on your success in passing from

Grade VIII to Grade IX.

I hope to visit you sometime in the near future and try to explain to you some of the courses which we are able to give in the Watford High School. All Grade IX pupils must take the following subjects: English, French, Mathematics, History and Geography, Mathematics, Physical Education and Guidance. Of the Optional subjects we have listed them in three groups. (See below) Groups A and B are chiefly for those pupils, who intend to go to University or Normal School after their High School years. Group C is a more practical course, chiefly for those who intend to remain in High School for a couple of years, however, may obtain their High School Graduation Diploma and by switching to Latin next year can go to University.

So take a little time from your holidays and check the groups you would like to take and when I call on you, you will be able to give me some idea of the courses you wish to pursue. I of course, will give the final decisions as we will have three Grade IX's next term and we wish to have them divided as evenly as possible.

Group A- ✓
Science
French
French or Home Economics
Art and Music.

Group B- ✓
Science
French
French or Home Economics
Agriculture

Group C- ✓
Science
French
French or Home Economics
Agriculture
Art and Music.

I hope that you have an enjoyable Holiday.

Very sincerely yours,
H. M. Miller
Principal, Watford High School.
Watford, Ontario.

Scenes From Sunbonnet Sue



Grace McAlpine, Mary Werden, Jean Ferguson.



Chorus Group

Learning Our A. B. C's

A is for assembly each Monday so bright?
B is for buses each morning and night.
C is for classes of 35 minutes span.
D is for doors that open and slam.
E is for excuses; you need them.
F is for fun we have, me and you.
G is for gum, which we NEVER chew.
H is for homework we have tous les jours.
I is for ink; the gallons we spill.
J is for June when our exams come.
K is for kill you; our jokes surely will.
L is for lunches that us at noon fill.
M is for Miller, our principal grand,
N is for nonsense for which he won't stand.
O is for Open House, a new success.
P is for patience teachers must possess.
Q is for questions we always have wrong.
R is for recess that's never too long.
S is for spares; they're handy all right.
T is for teachers; tired at night.
U is for Underwoods tapping away.
V is for vision of a coming weekend.
W is for Watford, the school of the day, and X marks the spot — that's 3rd from the end.
Y is for yells at our games we give. They're getting so old, they've not long to live.
Z is for "zip" cause that's what we've got. We all know that Watford's the school that's on top.
& this is the end of my little verse. I'd better quit now before it gets worse.

Top Tunes

1. Goodnight Irene (The Weavers and Gordon Jenkins)
2. It Isn't Fair (Sammy Kaye)
3. Third Man Theme (Anton Karos)
4. Mule Train (Frankie Laine)
5. Mona Lisa (Nat "King" Cole)
6. Music! Music! Music! (Teresa Brewer)
7. I Wanna be Loved (Andrews Sisters)
8. If I Knew you were Comin' I'd've Baked you a Cake (Eileen Barton)
9. I Can Dream Can't I (Andrews Sisters)
10. That Lucky Old Sun (Frankie Laine)

Field Day

(by Ewart Holbrook)

Although the Watford District High School finished in a three way tie for third or last-place, in the Inter-School Track and Field Meet at Petrolia on Thursday, October 5, young Don Fisher, first year student at Watford, carried off the juvenile Boys' Individual Championships. Don was presented with a beautiful plaque as were the other champions.



John Lambert, Myrna Edwards, Alf Hall.



Larry Russell, Joyce Murphy.

1951



Watford District High School
Classes in Agriculture
and in
Agricultural Science

In keeping with the recognition of Agriculture as the basic industry of Ontario and the Farmer's prosperity as vital to the well-being of the nation and to human society at large, Watford District High School Board has established these classes in the High School.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, GRADES IX-XII
—GRADE IX—

Weed Study	—GRADE XI—
Milk	
Breeds and Incubation of Chicks	Injurious Insects, Cont'd.
Plant Propagation	Fungus Diseases
Gardening	Field Crops

—GRADE X—

Injurious Insects	Field Crops, Cont'd.
Beekeeping	Judging of Livestock
Breeds of Livestock	Cuts of Meat
Soils	Fruit Growing

AGRICULTURE, GRADES IX and X

Practical courses to meet the need of pupils intending to make farming their life work. These include such topics as:

Farm Management
Feeding and Care of Farm Animals
Judging and Breeding of Farm Animals
Soils and Fertilizers
Raising of Field Crops
Poultry Raising
Beekeeping
Garden Crops
Farm Improvements
Care and Operation of Farm Machinery

AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS

Mr. Frank A. Michie, who is a specialist in Agriculture from O. A. C. Guelph also knows farming from the practical end. He was born and raised on a farm in the prairies and studied Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. Mr. Burt Neehan who has an elementary certificate in Agriculture will assist Mr. Michie next year. Mr. James Irvine has been assisting in the work this past couple of years. Many practical farm gadgets are made in the shop under the guidance of Mr. A. N. Grainger.

Agriculture, therefore, is given a very important place in the Education of our children at the Watford D. H. S. so that all pupils attending school will have some knowledge of agriculture.

WATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

Franklin Adams,
Chairman.

G. E. McTaggart,
Secretary-Treasurer

Top Tunes

1. Tennessee Waltz (Patti Page)
2. How High the Moon (Les Paul and Mary Ford)
3. Too Young (Nat "King" Cole)
4. Be My Love (Mario Lanza)
5. Because of You (Tony Bennett)
6. On Top of Old Smoky (The Weavers and Gordon Jenkins)
7. If (Perry Como)
8. Sin (Eddy Howard)
9. Come on-a my House (Rosemary Clooney)
10. Mockin' Bird Hill (Patti Page)



Home Ec. Girls Learn Basic Training
Essential In Everyday Living

[by Donna Kelly]

In the last four years of my time in W.H.S. I have come to realize how important home economics is to girls. It gives us a chance to sew and

cook which we probably would not do if it were left for us to do at home because we have very little time to ourselves after we finish our homework.

Excerpt From
High School Mirror

Is it true that those Miller-Smith, Murphy-Wallis twosomes really reserve the south landing and the north end of the upper hall without a daily rental fee?



Norma Willis, Don Smith — Yuletide of King Arthur.



The Pages in Yuletide of King Arthur: Bernice Myers, Fern Winter, Joyce Murphy, Shirley Flood, Mona Acton, Lena Miller.

1952

Top Tunes

1. Cry (Johnnie Ray)
2. Blue Tango (Leroy Anderson)
3. Any Time (Eddie Fisher)
4. Delicado (Percy Faith)
5. Kiss of Fire (Georgia Gibbs)
6. Wheel of Fortune (Kay Star)
7. Tell Me Why (The Four Aces)
8. I'm Yours (Don Connell)
9. Here in my Heart (Al Martino)
10. Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart (Vera Lynn)



1951-52 Girls' Sr. Basketball: Front Row: Dorothy Hollingsworth, Nola Watson, Marg Sisson, Ruth Sifton, Myrna Edwards, Joyce Murphy. Back Row: Helen Blain, Sheila Brown, June Ball, Delores Garrod (coach), Anne Harper, Nancy Stinson, Eva Kuchita.

Eddie Meets The Family



On couch: Nancy Stinson; Standing: Bruce Clark, Norma Willis, Florence Clark.

**Track
And
Field Meet**

A successful meet was chalked up by Watford District High School at its annual track and field meet Tuesday afternoon of this week at Waterworks Park, north of the school.

Champions in the boys' and girls' divisions will represent the school in the five-school district meet to be held next Thursday at Petrolia. Tuesday's meet was a preliminary to the larger event next week, and gave indication as to the chances of the school's athletes in the major competition. Athletes will enter from Strathroy, Forest, Glencoe, Petrolia and Watford.

Ewart Holbrook carried off the senior boys' champion, with Gordon Clark a close second. Ron Wallis won the intermediate grouping with Jim Harper placing second.

In the junior classification Jack Dolbear chalked up the highest points, followed by Ernie McKinlay. The juvenile championship went to John Betik, while D. Fisher finished second.



Anne Harper

1953

Top Tunes

1. Song from the Moulin Rouge (Percy Faith)
2. Till I Waltz Again with You (Teresa Brewer)
3. April in Portugal (Lee Baxter)
4. Vaya Con Dios (Les Paul and Mary Ford)
5. I'm Walking Behind You (Eddie Fisher)
6. I Believe (Frankie Lane)
7. You You You (The Ames Brothers)
8. Doggie in the Window (Patti Page)
9. Why Don't You Believe Me? (Joni James)
10. Pretend (Nat "King" Cole)



Recess: Left to right: Pat McCormick, Nancy Stinson, Anne Harper, Betty Parker, Cae Campbell, Norma Willis.

Mr. Miller to Don Smith: "Lena will be right down. Care to have a game of chess?"



W.O.S.S.A. 1952-53 Girls' Jr. Basketball: Front Row: Ruth Anne Frayne, Vivian Murphy, Shirley Thibodeau. Middle Row: Bernice Myers, Annie Koncovy, Dolores Ferguson (coach), Audrey Bryce, Shirley Flood. Back Row: Shirley Pole, Vivian Zavitz, Charlene Swartz, Alice Cameron, Beth McKellar.

PROG R A M M E

O Canada

Chairman's Address *Douglas Armstrong*
Presentation of High School
Graduation Diplomas *Reeve Gordon Bryce of Warwick*
Valedictory *Donald Moffatt*
Presentation of Intermediate Diplomas *H. M. Miller*
Prophecy *Bob Newell*
Operetta: "Rancho Rivera"



Front Row: Frances Clysdale, Bruce Clark, Cae Campbell, Don Lambert, Vivian Murphy. Second Row: Nancy Grainger, Dave Capelazo, Elaine Mills, Mary Stefanik, Joe Trenouth. Back Row: Lena Miller, Ian Runnalls. Stagehand: Jack Blunt.



Dolores Ferguson, Bruce Revell, Beth McKellar, Joan Lehrbass.



Louise Zavitz, Don Pavey, Mary Stefanik.



Gail Livingston, Morley Maddock, Miss Helen Hamilton.



W.O.S.S.A. 1952-53 Girls' Sr. Basketball: Front Row: Helen Blain, Eva Kuchta, Velma Hodgins. Middle Row: Marg Cook, Anne Marie Dolan, Dolores Ferguson (coach), Marion MacDonald, Bev Smith. Back Row: Nancy Stinson, Kay Burr, Anne Harper, Louise Werden, Marg Mitchell.

1954

Top Tunes

1. Little Things Mean a Lot (Kitty Kaller)
2. Hey There (Rosemary Clooney)
3. Wanted (Perry Como)
4. Young at Heart (Frank Sinatra)
5. Sh-Boom (The Crew Cuts)
6. Three Coins in the Fountain (The Four Aces)
7. Little Shoemaker (The Gaylords)
8. Oh, My Papa (Eddie Fisher)
9. Secret Love (Doris Day)
10. The Happy Wanderer (Frank Weir)

Daily Attendance Sheet

Grade 11 Class, March 3, 1954

The routine was for one student from each class to carry an attendance slip to each teacher on rotary. This sample bears the initials of Ella Blair and Harry Miller. Don Hair (an honours student) normally carried the sheet, but in his absence I substituted for him. As a gag on my best friend, Don, I am guilty of writing "skipped" in the remarks section. He never would have done such a thing!

Ken Dolbear

WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE 11 DATE March 3d

Boys	Girls	PERIODS										REMARKS
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Teacher's Initials												
PUPILS ABSENT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
El Brashears												
Sidney Bryce												
Don Hair												
Adeline Perritt												
Donna Green												



Above photo shows Miss Inez Sheppard, of the teaching staff, adjusting the grey, curled wig worn by Peter MacDougall, as the Duke of Venice, while Ivan Armstrong, in the guise of Magnifice, looks on in centre.

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Commencement
1954 Programme 1955

O Canada

Chairman's Address.....Mr. Douglas Armstrong
Presentation of High School Graduation Diplomas....Reeve Charles Gray & Alvinston

Valedictory.....Douglas McCaw

Presentation of Intermediate Diplomas.....H.M. Miller

Prophecy.....Ivan Armstrong

Friday: Presentation of Honour Graduation Diplomas.....H.M. Miller

Dance: "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "Anchors Aweigh".....Brenda Burchill and Joyce McLean

Play: "Everything Nice":

Orlando Todd.....Raymond Acton

Adelaide Todd.....Margaret Bowie

Henrietta Fisher.....Ferne Wardell

Bernadine Fisher.....Theresa Campbell

Cornelia Todd.....Ruth Ann Frayne

Clifford Henderson.....Bill Thompson

Edith Fisher.....Arlene Perritt

Selections by Girls' Music Club: "Rock-a my Soul"

"Brahm's Lullaby", and "O Come All Ye Faithful", directed by Miss Helen Hamilton.

Play: Trial Scene from Shakespeare's "Merchant of

Venice" Characters:

Shylock the Jew.....Bob Newell

Portia.....Gail Lehrbass

Antonio.....Paul Dolbear

Bassanio.....David Capelazo

Duke of Venice.....Peter MacDougall

Gratiano.....Joe Woodall

Nerissa.....Ida McCabe

Salero.....Ray Pavey

Tubal.....Ken Smith

Clerk.....Donald Hair

Judges: Bruce Revell, Ivan Armstrong,

Douglas Campbell, Bob Miller, Lorne

Smith, Jack Blunt, Ron Acton, Ron

Zavitz.

~ God Save the Queen ~



Bob Newell scored a hit as the wily Sherlock, Ruth Anne Frayne, of Alvington, as Cornelia, and Ken Smith, Watford, as Shylock's assistant, each take last minute peeps at the script.

Track and Field

The following are the Champions of the Field Day held at Watford earlier in the fall. For the Boys: Senior, Bob Newell; Intermediate, Reg Dolbear; Junior, Ron Mansfield; Juvenile, Joe Watterworth. For the Girls: Senior, Margaret Mitchell; Intermediate, Barbara Bryce; Junior, Marjorie Harper.



Teachers on an Outing, from the left: Mr. H. Miller (principal), Mrs. Grainger, Mrs. L. Richards, Mrs. Miller. Behind: Mr. A. Grainger, Mrs. Needham. In front: Ron Needham, Delores Ferguson. Behind: Barb Grainger, Miss H. Hamilton. In front: Miss I. Sheppard.

Top Tunes

1. Rock Around the Clock (Bill Haley and the Comets)
2. Ballad of Davy Crockett (Bill Hayes)
3. Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White (Perez Prado)
4. Melody of Love (Billy Vaughn)
5. Yellow Rose of Texas (Mitch Miller)
6. Ain't That a Shame (Pat Boone)
7. Sincerely (The MacGuire Sisters)
8. Uncharted Melody (Les Baxter)
9. Crazy Otto Rag (Crazy Otto)
10. Mister Sandman (The Chordettes)

Watford District High School won both senior and junior titles in the Lambton-Middlesex High School basketball schedule, competing against Forest, Glencoe, Petrolia and Strathroy. Members of the two Watford Senior teams, left to right, back row are: Barbara Newman, Shirley Lawes, Beth McKellar, Rose de Winter, Vivian Zavitz, Margaret Bowie, Karen Evans. Front Row: Francis Clysdale, Joyce McCallum, Margaret Cook, Anne Marie Dolan, Marion MacDonald, Bernice Ann Myers, Margaret Mitchell.



A scene from the school presentation of the musical "Rose Marie" in a setting of the Northern British Columbia Rockies. The Commencement program was repeated on Friday evening and tape-recorded for presentation over CFPL London on Saturday evening. In the centre is Bob Newell as "Hard-Boiled Herman the He-Man". Off to the right are three of the dancing girls, Mary Stefanik, Audrey Pole and Brenda Burchill, and various students grouped about the stage. Others in the singing cast are Frances Clysdale, the Indian Princess and Marlene Atkin, an Indian girl.



Left to right: Clive Bell, Frances Clysdale, Bob Newell, Marlene Atkin, Bob Miller. In front: Sharon Maddock.



Left to right: Betty Dolbear, Miss Sheila Marshall, Neil Hills.



It was the second consecutive year that the Watford teams took the championships. Members of the junior team are, left to right, back row: Barbara Bryce, Shawne de Winter, Margaret White, Mrs. Delores Ferguson (coach), Mary Posta, Audrey Pole, Shirley Welch. Front Row, seated: Leona Sweet, Marlene Atkin, Gail Lehrbass, Mary Kuchta, Betty Searson, Kay Bryce.

1956



1956-57 TEACHING STAFF: Front Row: Mrs. Ella Blair, Miss Sheila Marshall, Mrs. Lena Richards, Miss McGill, Miss Helen Hamilton, Miss Inez Sheppard. Back Row: Mr. Giles, Mr. Weber, Mr. Frank Michie (principal), Mr. Ardel Grainger, Mr. Lorne Gilroy.



Boys' Track Team — Back Row, left to right: Dick Woolvet, Lorne Smith, Carlyle Searson, Alex Smith, Bob Brown, Reg Dolbear, John McEachern, John Horvat, Mr. Lorne Gilroy (coach). Middle Row: Mr. Ardel Grainger (coach), Paul Dolbear, Roger Fuller, Ricky Day, Ron Mansfield, Bob Zavitz, Lyle Ferguson. Front Row: Dave Alderman, Don Duncan, Joe Waterworth, Gerald Simpson, Ross Columbus, Fred Copeland.

District Field Meet



At the inter-school track meet held at Alvington, the Watford boys made an excellent showing under the guidance of Mr. Grainger and Mr. Gilroy. There were three individual championships out of a possible four won by our boys. Pictured above are: Joe Waterworth (junior champ), Reg Dolbear, with 20 points out of a possible 20, (senior champ), Roger Fuller (juvenile champ).

Top Tunes

1. Don't Be Cruel (Elvis Presley)
2. Great Pretender (The Platters)
3. My Prayer (The Platters)
4. Wayward Wind (Gogi Giant)
5. Whatever Will Be Will Be (Doris Day)
6. Heartbreak Hotel (Elvis Presley)
7. Lisbon Antigua (Nelson Riddle)
8. Canadian Sunset (Hugo Winterhalter)
9. Moonglow and Theme from "Picnic" (Moris Stoloff)
10. Honky Tonk (Bill Doggett)

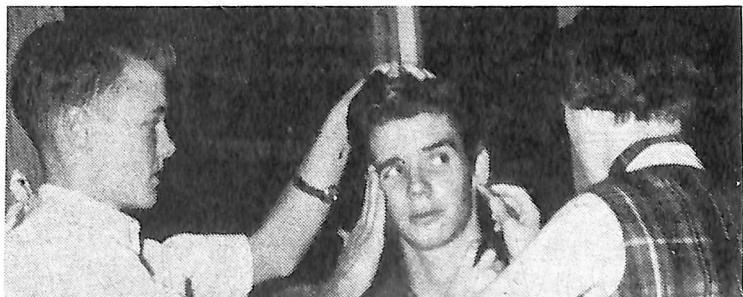


Scene from "A Young Man's Fancy" — Left to right: Edna Armstrong, Theresa Campbell, Gary Peters.

The Glee Club practice again, again and again.



Julius Caesar



Garry Doyle and Nancy Hollingsworth make up John Milliere, centre, for 'Mob Man' in "Julius Caesar".



1957

Top Tunes

1. Tammy (Debbie Reynolds)
2. Love Letter in the Sand (Pat Boone)
3. It's Not for Me to Say (Johnnie Mathis)
4. Young Love (Tab Hunter)
5. Chances Are (Johnnie Mathis)
6. Little Darlin' (The Diamonds)
7. Bye Bye Love (The Everly Brothers)
8. All Shook Up (Elvis Presley)
9. So Rare (Jimmy Dorsey)
10. Round and Round (Perry Como)



Literary Society Executive — Left to right: Audrey Pole (president), Theresa Campbell (secretary-treasurer), Ricky Day (vice-president).



Literary Society Executive — Left to right: Kay Kelly (historian), Ivan Armstrong (editor), Gary Peters (poet), Garry Doyle (prophet).

Mr. Michie: "May I have your attention, please?"

Gloria Manders: "Is he looking at me?"

Carol Clements: "Which way did he go?"

Mr. Weber: "Now this should work out, somehow."

Mr. Rowe: "It's against the Rules."

Mr. Davies: "Smoke gets in my eyes."



1957 W.D.H.S. STAFF: Front Row: Mrs. Ferguson, Miss McGill, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Richards, Miss Hamilton, Miss Marshall, Miss Sheppard. Back Row: Mr. Rowe, Mr. Davies, Mr. Weber, Mr. Michie (principal), Mr. Gilroy, Mr. Giles.

Hamlet



Ivan Armstrong, Carol Clements.

MODEL GIRL OF W.D.H.S.

Physique of Joyce Totten
 Clothes of Carol Clements
 Hair of Julie Dalan
 Eyes of Edna Armstrong
 Smile of Doreen McAlpine
 Friendliness of Theresa Campbell
 Personality of Audrey Pole
 Wittiness of Donna Doerr
 Dancing Ability of Jenny Munro
 Athletic Ability of Violet McGugan
 Intelligence of Shawne De Winter
 Dimples of Brenda Burchill
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MODEL TEACHER OF W.D.H.S.

Physique of Mr. Weber
 Clothes of Miss McGill
 Smile of Mrs. Richards
 Friendliness of Miss Sheppard
 Personality of Mr. Michie
 Wittiness of Mr. Gilroy
 Voice of Mr. Davies
 Eyes of Mrs. Ferguson
 Hair of Miss Hamilton
 Singing Ability of Miss Marshall
 Dancing Ability of Mr. Rowe
 Dimples of Mr. Giles
 Brains of Mrs. Blair
 Intelligence of [?]

MODEL BOY OF W.D.H.S.

Physique of Ron Huctwith
 Clothes of John Morwood
 Hair of Ray MacDonald
 Intelligence of Bobb White
 Wittiness of Doug Burchill
 Athletic Ability of Reg. Dulbear
 Friendliness of Ron Acton
 Dimples of Terry Smith
 Eyes of Ralph Playfoot



1957-58 Jr. Girls' Basketball — Front Row, left to right: Jenny Munro, Lydia Pecena, Marilyn Swan, Joyce Totten, Carol Clements, Sharon Maddock. Back Row: Margaret Rose McGugan, Elsie Manders, Donna Doerr, Miss Sheila Marshall (coach), Barbara Grainger, Grace Oudman, Joyce McLean.



1957-58 Sr. Girls' Basketball — Front Row, left to right: Patsy Gates, Shawne de Winter, Audrey Pole, Mary Kuchta, Leona Sweet. Back Row: Betty Searson, Isobel McEachern, Ione Douglas, Miss Sheila Marshall (coach), Nancy Murphy, Kathleen Kelly, Mary Stefanik.



Girls' Field Day Champions — Shirley Robertson (senior), Violet McGugan (junior), Miss Sheila Marshall (coach), Joyce Totten (Intermediate).



Boys' Field Day Champions — Back Row: Joe Waterworth (intermediate), Reg Dolbear (senior), Raymond Manders (juvenile), Arthur Johnston (junior).



Top Point Winners in Basketball — Left to right: Joyce Totten (jr.), Miss Sheila Marshall (coach), Nancy Murphy (sr.).

HOLIDAY FOR FLU [By Gary Peters]

It was quite late in September,
And I can still remember
That last year's work seemed so very new.
I think it was on Monday,
Or maybe it was Tuesday,
But anyway, China had invented "Asian
Flu".

The "States" were rather worried
After all, the flu had hurried
Across the broad expanse of ocean blue.
The president was pondering,
The cabinet was wondering,
Just how to do away with the "Asian flu".

The laugh was now upon us
As the bug descended upon us.
The list of absences just grew and grew
Some said "T'was the World Series".
There were some other queries
But the students said it was the "Asian
flu".

The high school board believed us
And naturally relieved us.
I think it made the teachers rather blue.
We all got on the bus,
And no one made a great fuss,
After all, we got a holiday for "Asian
flu".



Girls' Track and Field Team — Front Row: Lydia Pecena, Joyce Totten, Miss Sheila Marshall (coach), Audrey Pole, Violet McGugan. Back Row, left to right: Norah Newell, Joyce McLean, Kay Kelly, Sandra Moir, Barb Pope, Anne Mutella, Shirley Robertson, Mary Horvat, Louella Rilett, Ann McEachern, Patsy Gates.

The flu bug hit Watford District High in the fall of '57. It was so bad that the school was closed for a week. At left you will see a poem written by Gary Peters about this dilemma.



Boys' Track Team — Back Row, left to right: Richard Jones, David Armstrong, Lyle Moffatt, Bob Jackson, Don Duncan, Bob Zavitz. Front Row: Bill Klissouris, Raymond Manders, Arthur Johnston, Joe Waterworth, Reg Dolbear, John Horvat.

1958

Top Tunes

1. Volare (Domenico Modungne)
2. It's all in the game (Tommy Edwards)
3. Patricia (Percy Prado)
4. All I have to do is dream (The Everly Brothers)
5. Bird Dog (The Everly Brothers)
6. Little Star (The Elegants)
7. Witch Doctor (David Seville)
8. Twilight Time (The Platters)
9. Tequila (The Champs)
10. At the top (Danny and the Juniors)



1958 W.D.H.S. STAFF: Front Row: Mrs. Beaton, Miss Sanderson, Mrs. Blair, Miss Hamilton, Miss Sheppard, Miss Rush, Mrs. Richards. Back Row: Mr. Morrow, Mr. Michie (principal), Mr. Weber, Mr. Gilroy, Mr. Giles, Mr. Gray, Dr. Myers.



1958 STUDENTS' COUNCIL: Front Row: Diane Richards, Joyce McLean, Joan Frayne, Garry Doyle. Back Row: Ross Columbus, Roger Fuller, Peter Winnett, Norah Newell.



1958 JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: Front Row: Marie Cowan, Barbara Pope, Marilyn Campbell, Norah Newell (captain), Antonia Podolinsky, Gail Laframbois, Joyce McLean. Back Row: Mrs. J. Beaton (coach), Jean Ann Williams, Joanne Wilcox, Sharon Maddock, Norma Auld, Jennie Munro.



1958 SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: Front Row: Patsy Gates, Lydia Pecena, Joyce Toten (captain), Marg Pitel, Margaret Rose McGugan. Back Row: Mrs. J. Beaton (coach), Audrey Pole, Karen Lawes, Donna Doerr, Kay Kelly, Grace Oudman.



1958 CHEERLEADERS W.D.H.S.: Front Row: Ruth McCabe, Brenda Burchill, Sandy Moir. Back Row: Diane Dudley, Glenis White, Sharon Frayne, Ann Mutula, Gloria Manders.

Scenes from Sister Sue



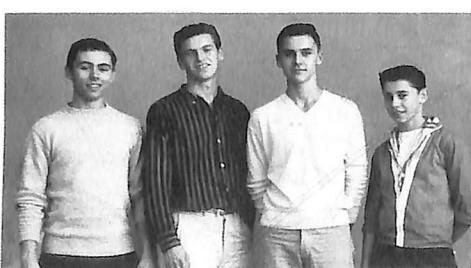
Garry Doyle, Brenda Burchill, Diane Richards.



1958 GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPION: Violet McGugan, junior; Carole Clements, senior; Norah Newell, intermediate.



Seated: Norma Auld, Norah Newell. Standing: Brenda Burchill.



1958 BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPION: Ross Columbus, senior; Bob Brown, intermediate; Arthur Johnson, junior; George Richards, juvenile.



CAMPAINING FOR STUDENTS' COUNCIL
1958: Joyce McLean, Norah Newell, Garry Doyle, Peter Winnett, Donna Doerr, Brenda Burchill.

1959

Top Tunes

1. Mack the Knife (Bobby Darren)
2. Battle of New Orleans (Johnny Horton)
3. Venus (Frankie Avalon)
4. Lonely Boy (Paul Anka)
5. There Goes My Baby (The Drifters)
6. Personality (Lloyd Price)
7. Three Bells (The Browns)
8. Put Your Head on My Shoulder (Paul Anka)
9. Sleepwalk (Santo and Johnnie)
10. Come Softly to Me (The Fleetwoods)



1959 CHEERLEADERS: Patsy Trotechaud, Brenda Lightfoot, Ruth Ward, Barbara Wilkins, Lois McLachlin, Lois Smith, Gwen Newman.

Commencement

H.M.S. Pinafore Cast

Leads: Marilyn Clark — Josephine Joan Tanton — Mrs. Cupps
 Gail Dolbear — Cousin Hebe
 Ralph Playfoot — Captain Corcoran
 Rodger Fuller — Sir Joseph Porter K.C.B.
 Bob Brown — Deadeye
 Robert Shirley — Boatswain



1959 W.D.H.S. STAFF: Front Row: Miss Oleskevich, Miss Sheppard, Miss Hamilton, Mr. Michie (principal), Miss Reynolds, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Blair, Mr. Weber. Back Row: Mr. Benner, Mr. Watson, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Kearns, Mr. Gray, Mr. Gilroy. Absent: Mr. Giles.



1959 GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONS: Norah Newell, senior; Violet McGugan, intermediate; Jean Dundas, junior.



1959 BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONS: Bob Brown, senior; Ron Oke, intermediate; Bill McAlpine, juvenile; Ron Carroll, junior.



1959 STUDENTS' COUNCIL: Front Row: Marjorie MacDonald, Marilyn Campbell, Norah Newell, Norma Auld, Joan Wilcox. Back Row: Peter Winnett, Russ Powell, Bob Brown, Roger Fuller.



1958-59 W.D.H.S. GIRLS' JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM: Front Row: Sharon Kimball, Jennie Munro, Joyce Kelly, Mary Horvat, Mary Pitel, Violet McGugan. Back Row: Mrs. Beaton (coach), Kaye Perritt, Evelyn Blaine, Joanne Wilcox, Gail Dolbear, Ann McEachern. Absent: Alice McEachern.



1958-59 W.D.H.S. SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: Front Row: Jean Williams, Marilyn Campbell, Norah Newell, Joyce McLean, Marg Pitel, Josephine Vande Schoot. Back Row: Mrs. Beaton (coach), Marjorie MacDonald, Karen Lawes, Donna Doerr, Sharon Maddock, Valerie Williamson, Arlene Higgins.

Cadets of the 50's

Cadets were an important part of school life in the 50's as you can see by the next few pages. The war that ended in 1945 was still vivid in our minds and therefore the training seemed necessary.

In 1953, Watford District High School Cadet Corps received high praise at its first ceremonial inspection from Lieut. A.P. Rankine, of London, Western Ontario cadet training officer. The photo on the right shows officers comprising the official inspection party. Left to right, Lieut. James Irvine, Watford; Lieut. A.P. Rankine; Staff Sgt. M. Romanchuk, of London; Major Fred Kidd, O.C. 48th Battery, 31st Field Regt., Watford; Capt. R.E. Rumbold, Brigden.



Don Lambert



1953: Left to Right: Betty Parker, Cae Campbell, Don Smith.



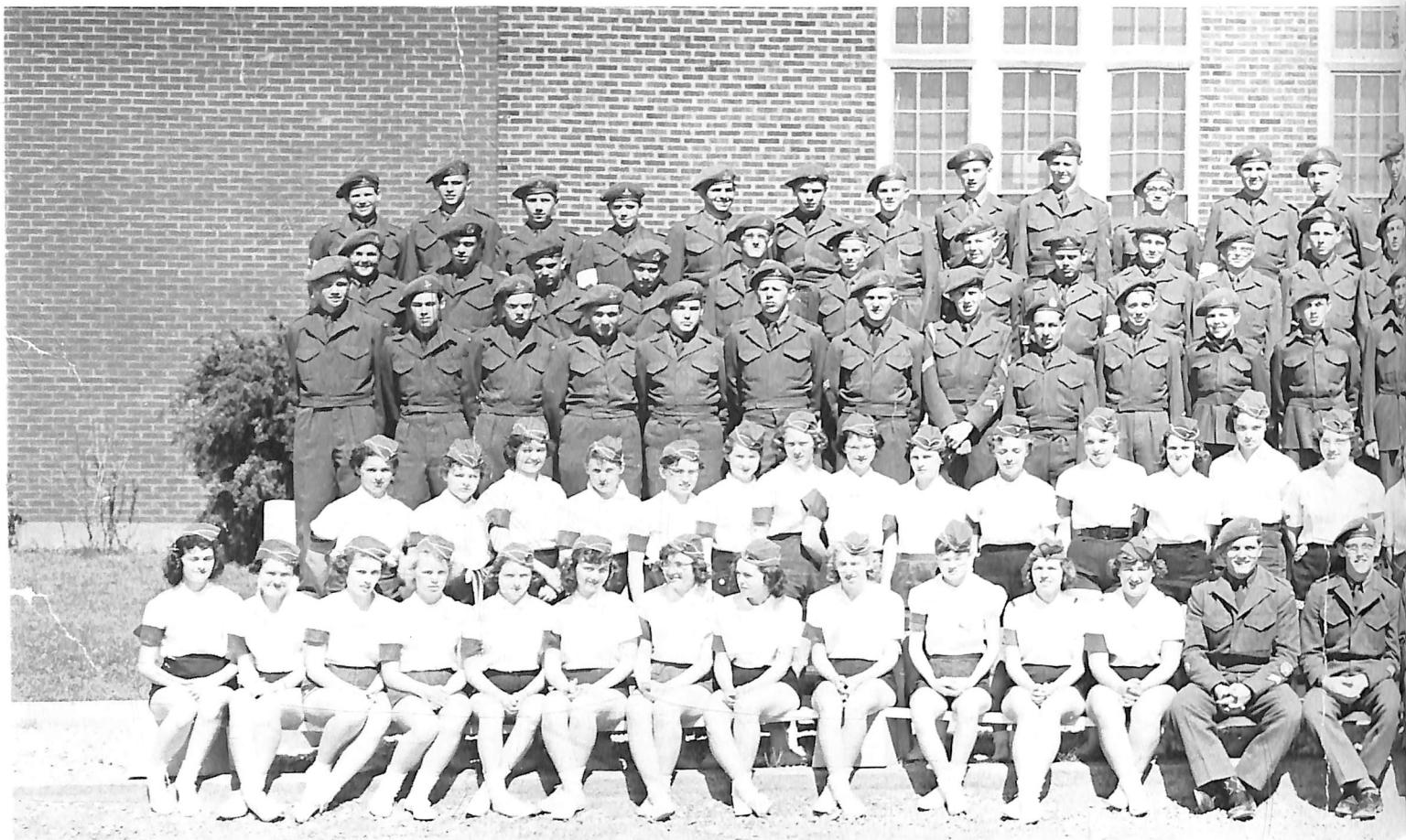
1953: Left to Right: Claremon Searson, Bob Miller, Bruce Willer, Carlyle Searson.



Cadet parades and inspections were very important with the band leading the parades through the streets and back to the inspection grounds. In the mid 50's much life, color and beauty were added when the girls joined the cadets.



Cadet Day 1957: Left to Right: Jim Ward, Ken Hollingsworth, Ron McCabe, Ross Duncan.



Watford District High



Cadet Day Formal 1958: Left photo: Gerald Simpson, Glenis White, Norah Newell, Joe Watterworth. Right photo: Ruth Anne Sharp, Don Paquette.

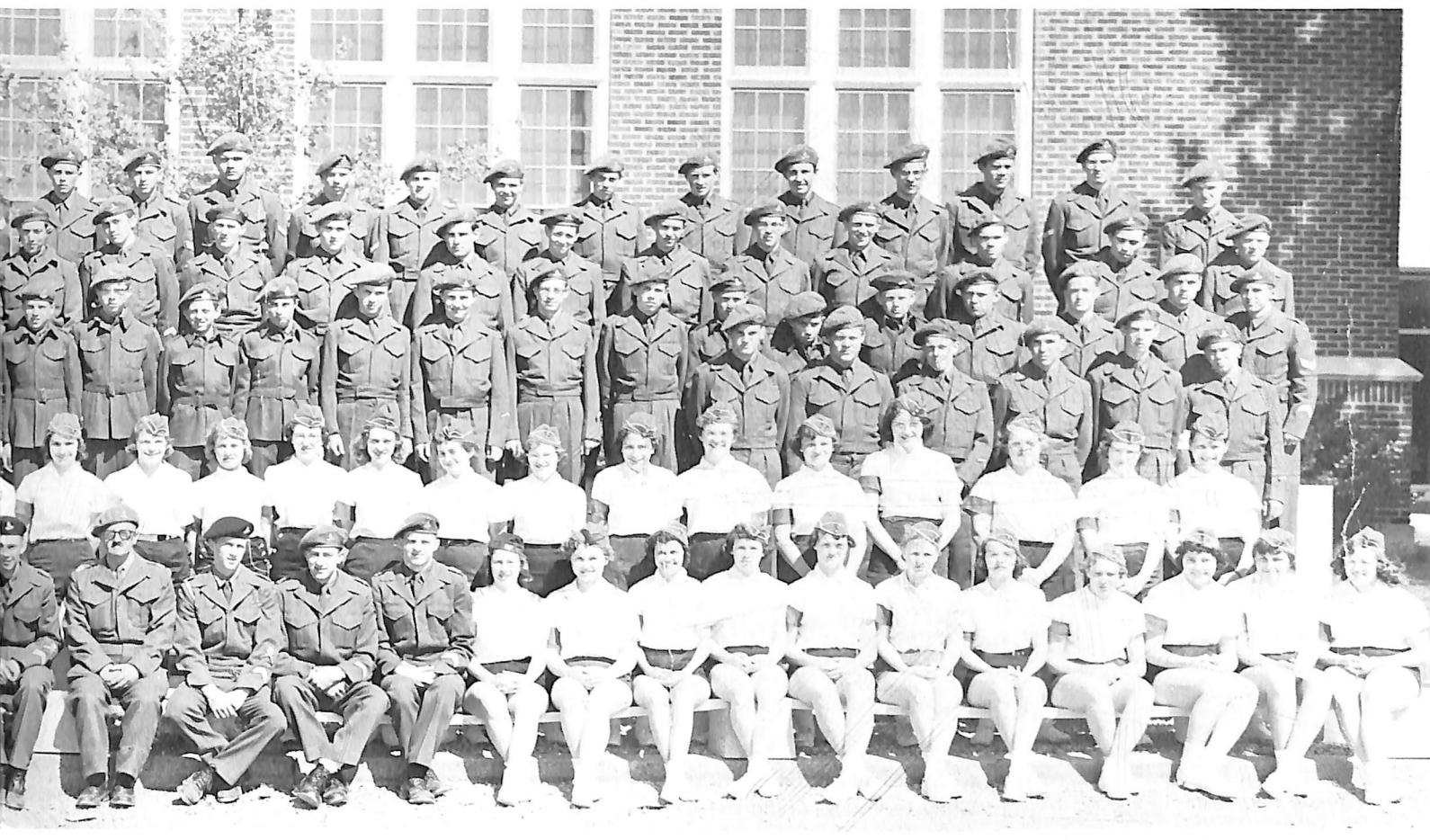
Left to Right: Mr. Weber, Mr. Gilroy, Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Beaton.



1958 Jim Ward, Cadet Major.



Left to Right: Ken George, Bob R. Hume, Gerald Pedden.



School Cadets — May, 1958.



Thelma and Carolyn Ross.



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Cadet Inspection

The annual cadet inspection was held on Friday, May 29, 1959. The program consisted of general salute, general inspection of troops, cadet drills, rifle drill, tumbling, rhythmic, first aid and wireless exhibit. Major Nelms gave a fine report on the inspection, and the exercises, paying special attention to the precision of the girls.

The cadet officers were as follows: Boys — Cadet Major Walter Ellison, Cadet Captain Bruce Kidd, Cadet Sergt. Major Dick Van Der Wal, Company Q.M.S. Sergt. Major Alex Smith.

Girls — Cadet Captain Norah Newell, Lieuts. Marie Cowan, Arlene Higgins. Sergts. Karen Lawes, Josephine Vande Schoot, Marg Pitel and Jennie Munro. Josephine VandeSchoot won the girls' best cadet award, and Bob Brown, the boys' best cadet. Neil Armstrong won the "Best Rifle Shot."

The annual cadet formal was held in the evening, and the happy couples danced to the music of Johnny Brennan. The evening was highlighted by the crowning of Watford District High School's 1959-60 king and queen, Miss Marilyn Campbell was queen and Rodger Fuller represented the school as their king.

Intermediate Graduates

During the 50's, after successfully completing grade 10, you would receive your intermediate diploma. It was stressed that if you hoped to get any kind of a job you should at least get this. On the next two pages are lists of those who earned their diplomas during this decade.



1950 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Carman Acton, Norma Acton, Eleanor Auld, June Ball, Phyllis Blain, June Brown, Sheila Brown, Kay Burr, Greta Caley, Helen Caldwell, Nelles Clark, Kenneth Cox, Bill Dolbear, Barbara Edwards, Ross Fleming, Robert Goring, Ethel Hrynuick, Gilbert House, Joe Koncovy, Eva Kuchta, Earl Lewis, Joyce Lucas, Alex MacKellar, Burton McClung, Betty McKinlay, Marie McLachlan, Russell McLean, Kathryn Mitchell, Joyce Murphy, Keith Robertson, Ray Robinson, Walter Robinson, Donald Sifton, Margaret Sisson, Patricia Vail, Stanley Werden, Fern Winter, Shirley Heaton, Keith Campbell.



Thelma Ross

1952 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Walter Annett, Mona Atkin, Mary Bahro, Rena Beacom, Leona Black, Shirley Blain, Margaret Bowie, Alice Cameron, Bruce Clark, Margaret Cook, Ann Marie Dolan, John Dolbear, Anna May Douglas, Robert Elliott, Karen Evans, Bernice Ferguson, Donald Fisher, Marie Flood, Dennis Glennon, Nancy Grainger, James Harper, Velma Hodgson, John Koncovy, Donald Lambert, Shirley Laws, Margarita Lusnah, Gretta MacDonald, Marion MacDonald, Grant McCallum, Douglas McCaw, Evelyn McGugan, Elizabeth McKellar, Ernie McKinlay, Verne McLean, Lorna Melton, Margaret Mitchell, Ronald Munro, Vivian Murphy, Joan Newman, Shirley Pitz, Shirley Pole, Louise Routley, Richard Scott, Claremon Searson, Robert Short, Kenneth Smith, Charlanne Swartz, Douglas Waterworth, Neil Waterworth, Doris Whitfield, Laverne Williamson, Vivian Zavitz.

1953 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Jack Blunt, Barbara Brown, Audrey Bryce, McEwen Bryce, Hope Caese, Jack Campbell, Gloria Capelazo, Frances Clysdale, Kenneth Dolbear, Paul Dolbear, William Edwards, Alice Ferguson, Ruth Frayne, Donald Galbraith, Donald Hair, Leonard Healey, Marie Heaslip, Jean Janes, Annie Koncovy, Gail Lehrbass, Peter McDougall, Margaret MacLachlan, Joyce McCallum, Mary McEachern, Bruce McEwen, Ariel McLean, Catherine Maher, Adeline Molzan, Edward Molzan, Margaret Morgan, Berniece Myres, Robert Newell, Doreen Oke, Ray Pavey, Arlene Perritt, Darcy Rolston, Bruce Revelle, Beverley Smith, Donna Swan, Shirley Thibodeau, Nancy Vail, Robert White, Carl White, Agnes Winter, Joseph Woodall, William Woods, Louise Zavitz.

1951 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

John Betik, Helen Blain, James Brown, Pat Brown, Barbara Campbell, Catherine Campbell, Barbara Crozier, Allen Downie, Orville Eastbrook, Myrna Edwards, Dorothy Fenner, Alexander Ferguson, Alfred Hall, Anne Harper, Vivian Hodgson, Jessie Huctwith, Howard Jenken, Anna MacKellar, Gladys McCallum, Patricia McCormick, Maxine McClung, Morley Maddock, Edward Manders, Lena Miller, Joanne Mitchell, Donald Moffatt, John Myers, Rudolph Nemcek, Elizabeth Parker, Donelda Simpson, Louise Stuart, Nancy Stinson, Delbert Sweet, Joseph Trenouth, Ronald Wallis, Louise Werden, Norma Willis, James Woodall.

of the 50's

1954 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Raymond Acton, Ronald Acton, Douglas Aitken, Ivan Armstrong, Marlene Atkin, Peter Berghius, Sylvia Blunt, Joan Bowie, Edward Braithwaite, Alexander Brown, Barbara Bryce, Isabel Bryce, Beverley Burr, Shirley Burr, Alexander Campbell, David Capelazo, Betty Dolbear, Margaret Evans, Shirley Flood, Norma Fuller, Sheila Glennon, Anna Hadden, James Hayward, Neil Hills, Christiana Hodgson, Bud Kelly, Mary Kuchta, Carmel Levesque, Barbara Lewis, Annette Livingstone, Helen MacDougall, Ida McCabe, Isabel McEachern, Barbara McIntosh, John McLachlan, Robert Miller, Barbara Newman, Harold Oke, Evelyn Patterson, Mary Posta, Leola Redmond, Robert Sawyer, Shirley Sawyer, Betty Searson, Carlyle Searson, Blossom Smith, Lorne Smith, Marie Snelgrove, Richard St. Dennis, Donald Sutherland, William Thompson, Douglas Wallis, David Wilson, Shirley Welch, Ronald Zavitz.

1955 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Edna Armstrong, Reginald Dolbear, Kathryn Lewis, Ferne Armstrong, Margaret Barnes, Clive Bell, Glen Bryson, Theresa Campbell, Shawne de Winter, Julia Dolan, Donald Dolbear, Ionne Douglas, Louise Ellis, James Goodhand, Carman Guinness, Marjory Harper, Wayne Higgins, Ronald Huctwith, Kenneth Jones, Kathleen Kelly, Eldon Lehrbass, Gail Livingstone, Mac MacLachlan, Doreen McAlpine, Audrey McCallum, Elaine McCarter, Donald McGugan, Ronald Mansfield, John (Muggs) Milliere, John Morwood, Helen Munro, Nancy Murphy, Donald Pecena, Audrey Pole, Shirley Rilett, Mary Stefanik, Beverley Swartz, Leona Sweet, Evelyn Wright, Richard Woolvett, Margaret White, Jean van de Schoot.

1956 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Dianne Abma, Clare Borrowman, Carole Bryce, Brenda Burchill, Allan Cameron, Carol Clements, Ross Columbus, Margaret Doblas, Donna Doerr, Louise Dolbear, Garry Doyle, Dianne Dudley, Donald Duncan, Ross Duncan, Inez Douglas, Elizabeth Forman, Joan Frayne, Patricia Gates, Robert Grainger, Marjorie Hair, Ruth Anne Harper, John Horvat, John King, Shirley Lightfoot, Arnold Lucas, Marilyn MacDonald, James MacDougal, Gloria Manders, James McCabe, Ronald McCabe, Beth McEachern, John McEachern, Margaret McGugan, Joyce McLean, Margaret McNeil, Sharon Maddock, Elsie Manders, Deone Melton, Marjorie Newman, Marie Patterson, Lydia Pecena, Viola Pedden, Ann Phair, Margaret Podolinsky, Barbara Pope, Diane Richards, Mary Rosina, Joan Searson, Alma St. Pierre, Marilyn Swan, Joyce Totten, Barbara Wallis, James Ward, Ferne Wardell, Joe Watterworth, Peter Winnett, Lenore Wygieria.

1957 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

David Alderman, Robert Alderman, Neil Armstrong, Donna Auld, Ross Bowie, Ralph Bork, Ronald Brown, Ronald Bryce, Constance Brush, Roy Brush, Howard Cameron, Marilyn Campbell, Mary Louise Capelazo, Marie Cowan, Myra Darville, Mary Dolbear, John Douglas, Walter Ellison, Robert Fuller, Bonita Gale, Barbara Grainger, Arthur Griffith, Ray Hansford, William Hayward, Arlene Higgins, John Howden, Daniel Kelly, Bruce Kidd, Karen Lawes, Marjorie MacDonald, Ernest McCallum, Marie McGugan, Donald McLachlin, Barbara Ann McNeil, Garry McNeil, Lois McNeil, Ian Mellis, Clara Melton, Ross Metcalfe, Kenneth Moffatt, Richard Moon, Jennie Munro, Norah Newell, Robert Oke, Grace Oudman, Bonny Patterson, Gary Peters, Margaret Pitel, Ralph Playfoot, Robert Pole, Mary Prisciak, Jean Ross, Francis St. Pierre, Josephine Vande Schoot, Robert White, Alan Williams, Jean Williams, Leslie Wygieria, Robert Zavitz.

1958 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Norma Auld, David Barnes, Theo Beernick, Robert Brown, Alaina Brownlee, Joyce Dolbear, Mary Dolbear, Clare Essement, Lyle Ferguson, Bruce Fisher, Ruth Anne Frayne, Sharon Frayne, Wanda Gates, William George, Lyle Gorder, Joan Graham, Jane Hair, Douglas Hollingsworth, Nancy Hollingsworth, Gloria Johnson, Vivian Kelly, Margaret Leach, Nicholas Mahavlich, Norma Jean Mitchell, Beverley Moffatt, Barbara McKercher, Raymond McLachlan, Michael Moir, Anna Mutala, John Oakes, Basil Oke, Ronald Oke, Mac Parker, Russell Powell, Siyntje Roukema, Ruth Ann Sawyer, Robert Shea, Alexander Smith, Helen Smith, Hugh Smith, Shirley Smith, Terry Smith, Greta Van Gorkum, Ruth Ward, Joyce Wardell, Carolyne White, Glenis White, Joanne Wilcox, Jeannette Willer, Carole Williamson, Valrae Williamson.

1959 INTERMEDIATE GRADUATES

Catherine Abma, David Armstrong, Sientje Bork, Derwood Braithwaite, Audrey Brouwer, Lenora Brown, Elvera Bryce, Lyle Bryce, Douglas Burchill, Lynne Campbell, Robert Coristine, Kenneth Doerr, Gail Dolbear, Robert Duncan, William Ellison, James Essement, Anna Feddema, Nancy Fisher, Lois Fuller, Joan Griffith, Joanne Hansford, Betty Jean Hayter, Diane Hills, Mary Horvat, Patricia Hrynuik, Robert Jackson, Arthur Johnson, Richard Jones, Joyce Kelly, Sharon Kimball, Helen Koncovy, Geraldine Laws, Margaret Lucan, John MacDougall, Raymond MacDonald, Ruth McCabe, Alice McEachern, Anne McEachern, Violet McGugan, Larry McNally, Donald McNeil, Ronald McVicar, Raymond Manders, Elizabeth Meier, Ivan Minnelly, Lyle Moffatt, Theresa Moran, Dawn Paquette, Isabel Parker, Joyce Patterson, Kaye Perritt, Mary Pitel, Luella Rilett, Howard Robinson, Thelma Ross, Hilda Roukema, Larry Routley, Wayne Runnalls, Robert Shirley, John Shortt, Beatrice Simard, Gerald Simpson, Bonita Smith, Phyllis Smith, Emily Stefanik, Omer St. Pierre, Joan Tanton, Kathleen Teskey, Patricia Teskey, Frances Vande Schoot, Mary Anne Watson, Freida Wright, Elva Zavitz.

Grade 12 Graduates of the 50's



*The Principal, Staff and Pupils of
WATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
request the honor of your presence
at their annual
COMMENCEMENT
Programme
on Thursday, the second of December
nineteen hundred and fifty-four
in the auditorium of the school
at eight o'clock p.m.*



This SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION DIPLOMA

Is granted to RICHARD L. CALSE a pupil
of WATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL who has
completed successfully a four-year secondary school course in
accordance with the regulations prescribed for the
Department of Education of Ontario.

The following Grades 11 & 12 Course of Study has been completed:

GENERAL

Dated at WATFORD
the 3RD day of JULY 1950.

Dave Porter
Minister of Education
H. M. MILLER
Principal of School
W. Franklin Adams
Chairman of School Board

Principal's Message to the Graduates

To the graduating class of 1955, I extend to each member my best wishes.

As you are on the threshold of a new era in your life, you are about to face many problems and some of them are not going to be easy ones. You have many times come up against disappointments, failures, discouragements and temptations. How well you mount these problems will depend a great deal on how you have overcome your High School problems.

By you having received your High School Graduation Diploma, it shows that you have ability, courage and perseverance. Keep your sights elevated for the future and what you have accomplished in the past you shall be able to do in the future, and I feel that each and every one of you will make some important contribution for the betterment of mankind.

May your lives be worthy ones.

—H. M. MILLER, Principal.

Graduation Day! A hill-top on your journey of life. Behind you lies the pleasant valleys of those dear remembered days—happy, care-free days, spent with merry friends; and, best of all a deep sense of satisfaction of a hard job well done. "As the years roll on, after youth is gone you will remember" these days and cherish them anew.

Ahead lies the long vista of your life. The peaks of success some of you shall climb and the peaceful valleys of happiness many of you shall know. We, who have come thus far, must here take leave of you with great good will and much hope. All we can give you to help on your further journey are those lessons which you made your own while travelling in our company, to concentrate on the job at hand, to tackle a hard job and see it through without quitting; to accept responsibility; to co-operate with others and to have faith in yourself and most of all, to think. If these are the lessons you take with you from the Watford District High School you are indeed well prepared for what lies ahead.

And now my friends, go forth, we all wish you happiness and success on the journey ahead:

Go forth; and if it be o'er stony way,
Old joy can lend what newer grief must borrow;
And it was sweet, and that was yesterday,
And sweet is sweet, though purchased with sorrow.

—F. O. MICHIE, Principal



1950 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Margaret Husty, Shirley Brown, Ruth Sifton, Joe Prisciak, Gladys Spearman, Marjorie Greer, Jean Myers. Middle Row: Larry Russell, Marilyn Jenken, Ernie Lewis, Jean Ferguson, Vincent Brown, Marilyn Cosen, Bob Barber, Jennie Williams. Back Row: Mary Werden, Gord Clark, Marilyn McKellar, Ewart Holbrook, Janet Parker, Jim Millier, Donna Kelly, Leo Johnston, Bertha Rose Annett. Absent: Marilyn Bell, Dick Caese, Donald Edwards.



1951 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Muriel Thompson, Nola Watson, Betty Carmichael, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Helen Logan. Middle Row: Mary Margaret Maher, Frank Szarka, Shirley Whitfield, John Lambert, Donna Burr, Don Smith, Rose Blain. Back Row: Norma Greer, Francis Dolan, Dorothy Vogt, Bob Adams, Marg Carmichael, Gordon Curtis, Joan Lehrbass, Keith Moffatt, Alma Logan.



1952 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Phyllis Blain, Marie McLachlan, Eva Kuchta, Bernice Bryce, Marg Sisson, Joyce Murphy, Barbara Edwards, H. M. Miller (Principal), Fern Winter, Norma Acton, Kathryn Mitchell, Joyce Lucas, Helen Annett, Kaye Burr. Back Row: Joe Koncovy, Nelles Clark, Earl Lewis, Keith Campbell, Carm Acton, Bill Steele, Bill Dolbear, Keith Robertson, Stanley Werden. Absent: Russell McLean, Gilbert Howse, Sheila Brown.



1953 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Nancy Stinson, Helen Blain, Vivian Hodgson, Dorothy Fenner. Back Row: Ed Manders, Rudy Nemcek, Anne Harper, Pat McCormick, Don Moffatt, Alfred Hall.



1953 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Catherine Campbell, Lena Miller, Norma Willis, Elizabeth Parker. Back Row: Morley Maddock, Jim Brown, Gladys McCallum, Louise Werden, Joe Trenouth, John Myers. Absent: Allan Downie.



1954 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Marion MacDonald, Shirley Lawes, Ann Marie Dolan, Janet Butler, Vivian Murphy, Shirley Blain, Lorna Melton, Joan Newman, Elaine Mills. Middle Row: Karen Evans, Charlanne Swartz, Marg Bowie, Marg Cook, Leona Black, Beth McKellar, Nancy Grainger, Vivian Zavitz, Alice Cameron, Doris Whitfield. Back Row: Jack Dolbear, Don Lambert, Dennis Glennon, Ernie McKinlay, LaVerne Williamson, Bruce Clark, Ken Smith, Doug McCaw. Absent: Doug Waterworth, Robert Elliott, Velma Hodgson.



1955 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Agnes Winter, Bernice Myers, Adeline Molzan, Gail Lehrbass, Marg Mitchell, Joyce McCallum, Frances Clysdale, Arlene Perritt, Ruth Frayne, Mary McEachern. Back Row: Ed Braithwaite, McEwen Bryce, Joe Woodall, Bruce Revell, Bruce McEwen, Jack Blunt, Claremon Searson, Ken Dolbear, Bob Newell, Don Galbraith, Don Hair. Absent: Paul Dolbear, Peter MacDougall, Ed Molzan, Joe Hussey.



1956 Grade XII Graduates: Front: Harry Miller (his last graduating class). Front Row: Norma Fuller, Louise Zavitz, Mary Kutch, Mary Posta, Betty Dolbear, Shirley Welch. Second Row: Silvia Blunt, Sheila Glennon, Anna Haddon, Isobel McEachern, Shirley Burr, Bev Burr. Third Row: Isabelle Bryce, Betty Searson, Barb Newman, Marg Evans, Eve Patterson, Frank Michie (Principal). Back Row: Alex Brown, Ron Zavitz, Harold Oke, Ron Acton, Doug Aitken, Ray Acton, Ivan Armstrong, Bob Sawyer, Bob White. Absent: Shirley Sawyer, Marlene Atkin.



1957 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Elaine McCarter, Shawne De Winter, Julie Dolan, Mary Kingston, Theresa Campbell, Marjorie Harper, Nancy Murphy, Edna Armstrong, Doreen McAlpine, Mary Stefanik, Audrey Pole. Back Row: Ron Huctwith, Donald Sutherland, Eldon Lehrbass, Don Paquette, John Morwood, Leona Sweet, Kathleen Kelly, Bob Miller, Jim Goodhand, Ron Mansfield, Carman Gunnes.



1958 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Diane Richards, Barbara Wallis, Joan Frayne, Carol Clements, Shirley Lightfoot, Marie Patterson, Diane Dudley, Marjorie Hair, Margaret Rose McGugan, Louise Dolbear. Middle Row: Margaret Jean McNeil, Brenda Burchill, Lydia Pecena, Joyce McLean, Patricia Gates, Joyce Totten, Elizabeth Forman, Marjorie Newman, Gloria Manders, Marilyn McDonald. Back Row: Donna Doerr, Shirley Robertson, Don Pecena, Arnold Lucas, Peter Winnett, Rick Day, Reg Dolbear, Garry Doyle, Sharon Maddock, Diane Abma. Absent: Ruth Ann Harper, Barb Pope.



1959 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Josephine MacKenzie (Vande Schoot), Jennie Munro, Jean Ann Williams, Marie McGugan, Bonny Patterson, Norah Newell, Marilyn Campbell, Mary Lou Capelazo. Middle Row: Jean Ross, Joan Searson, Barbara McNeil, Myra Darville, Arlene Higgins, Margaret Pitel, Mary Presciak, Marjorie MacDonald, Karen Lawes, Marjorie Hair. Back Row: Rodger Fuller, Ian Mellis, Basil Oke, Garry McNeil, Ross Columbus, Ross Metcalf, Richard Van Der Wal, Ray MacDonald, John Howden, Ray Hansford, Neil Armstrong, Bob White. Absent: Donald Duncan, Donald McLachlin.

Honour Graduates of the 50's



1950 HONOUR GRADUATES

Donald Lehrbass, Ronald McKinlay, Bernice Munro, Catherine Patterson, John Belan, Douglas Barber, Malcom Curtis, Norma Downie, Alex Houston.

1951 HONOUR GRADUATES

Bertha Rose Annett, Beth Blain, Gordon Clark, Marilyn Cosen, Jean Ferguson, Ewart Holbrook, Donna Kelly, James Millier, Betty Richardson, Larry Russell, Gladys Spearman, Mary Werden.

1952 HONOUR GRADUATES

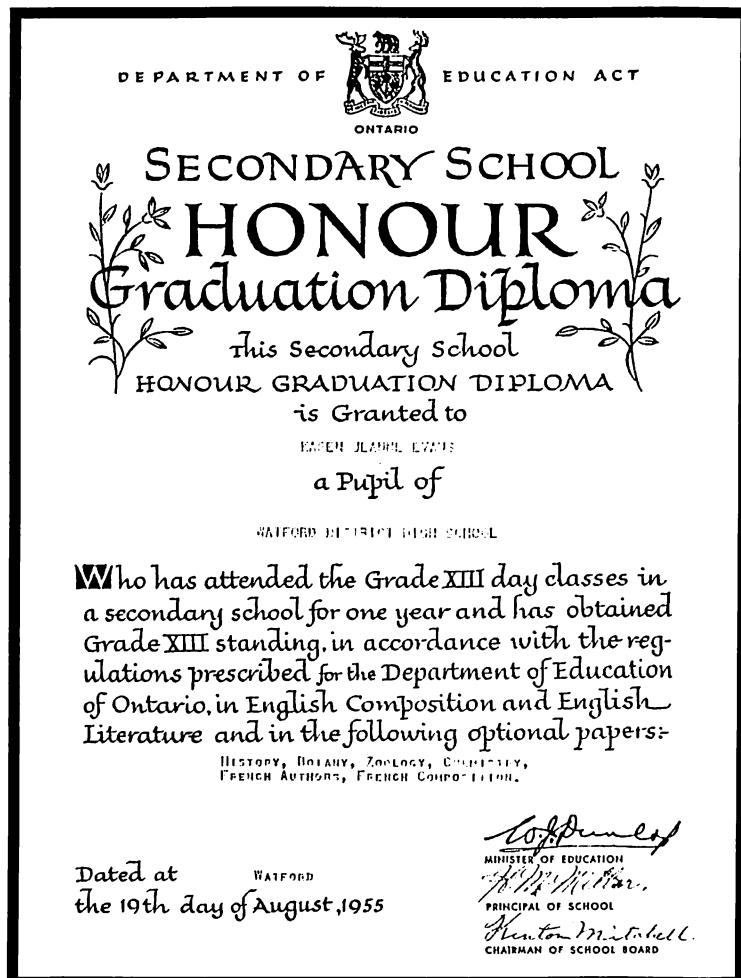
Donna Burr, Gordon Curtis, Francis Dolan, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Ernie Lewis, Alma Logan, Helen Logan, Frank Szarka, Shirley Whitfield, Ruth Sifton.

1953 HONOUR GRADUATES

Norma Acton, Keith Campbell, Florence Clarke, Nelles Clark, Eva Kuchta, Kay Burr, Clarence Lewis, Helen McLachlin, Kathryn Mitchell, James Moffatt, Keith Robertson, Margaret Sisson, William Werden, Velma Winter.

1954 HONOUR GRADUATES

Carman Acton, Catherine Campbell, Bill Dolbear, Dorothy Fenner, Joan Lehrbass, Gladys McCallum, Morley Maddock, Lena Miller, Donald Moffatt, Nancy Stinson, Joseph Trenouth, Louise Werden.



1955 HONOUR GRADUATES

Margaret Bowie, Alice Cameron, Margaret Cook, Rose de Winter, Ann Marie Dolan, Karen Evans, Shirley Laws, Douglas McCaw, Kenneth Smith, Vivian Zavitz.

1958 HONOUR GRADUATES

Ron Acton, Edna Armstrong, Theresa Campbell, Shawne de Winter, Betty Dolbear, Julie Kelly, Mary Kingston, Doreen McAlpine, Ron Mansfield, Don Paquette, Audrey Pole.

1956 HONOUR GRADUATES

Jack Blunt, Frances Clysdale, Donald Galbraith, Donald Hair, Gail Lehrbass, Joyce McCallum, Bruce McEwen, Adeline Molzan, Margaret Mitchell, Joe Woodall.

1959 HONOUR GRADUATES

Brenda Burchill, Carol Clements, Donna Doerr, Gary Doyle, Mrs. Dunlop (Joan Frayne), Shirley Lightfoot, Marilyn MacDonald, Joyce McLean, Sharon Maddock, Marie Patterson, Diane Richards, Kathleen Kelly.

1957 HONOUR GRADUATES

Sylvia Blunt, Alexander Brown, Beverly Burr, Shirley Burr, Paul Dolbear, Norma Fuller, Mary Kuchta, Isabel McEachern, Robert Newell, Evelyn Patterson, Robert Sawyer, Betty Searson, Ronald Zavitz.



Valedictorians at Commencement

Ewart Holbrook, 1950
 Joan Lehrbass, 1951
 Kathryn Mitchell, 1952
 Don Moffatt, 1953
 Doug McCaw, 1954
 Joe Woodall, 1955
 Ron Acton, 1956
 Audrey Pole, 1957
 Joyce McLean, 1958
 Garry McNeil, 1959



Miss Inez Sheppard's good advice: "Any job worth doing is worth doing well."

The High School Mirror

This paper was published each year for Commencement. Editors during our decade were:

Larry Russell, 1950
 Margaret Sisson, 1951
 Stanley Werden, 1952
 Don Hair, 1953
 Marg Cook, 1954
 Don Hair, 1955
 Joe Woodall, 1956
 Ivan Armstrong, 1957
 Peter Winnett, 1958
 Peter Winnett, 1959

Mrs. Ella Blair

Three students of Mrs. Blair scored the highest standing in Latin in grade 13 in the Department of Education of Ontario examinations during 1950-1959: Gladys Spearman, 1951; Ann Marie Dolan, 1955; Don Hair, 1956.

Teachers Lament Music — Sixteen Tons

Some people say a teacher is made out of steel;
 Their minds can think but their bodies can't feel;
 Iron and steel and hickory tea;
 Frowns and gripes from 9 to 3.
 You teach six full hours and what do you get?
 Another day older and deeper in debt.
 You pay your dues in this and that,
 Then for 29 days your billfold's flat.
 I was born one morning when it was cloudy and cool;
 I picked up my register and headed for school;
 I wrote 44 names on the home room roll;
 And the principal said, "Well bless my soul!"
 I got 41 kids and 32 sets;
 Twenty-eight are talking while 16 sleep;
 I can hardly get 'em through the door;
 And if I don't watch out, they'll send some more.
 The last bell rings and I start for the door;
 My head is ringing and my feet are sore.
 I taught five full hours and my day is made
 But I still have 100 papers to grade.
 You teach five full hours and what do you get?
 Another day older and deeper in debt.
 I go to St. Peter, but I just can't stay
 I got to come back to the P.T.A.

Scholarship Winners For School Years 1950 — 59

The following are some of the scholarships earned by Watford High School students during our decade. There might have been more, but these are the ones we have found records of:

1950-51: Miss Gladys Spearman, \$300 University of Western Ontario, \$250 for highest mark in Watford H.S. and \$150 for having highest Latin mark in Western Ontario. The last two lapse because Gladys won a higher award. \$100 1st Carter Scholarship for Lambton County. Annennet and Mrs. Ross Cross (Mary Werden), all won Normal Scholarships valued at \$250. Gordon Curtis, \$100, Grade XIII Scholarship.

Joe Trenouth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Trenouth, evidently achieved the highest awards in the Ontario Departmental exams in 1953-54. The awards already total \$2,700 in university scholarships, and there may be a few minor ones to follow. The Dominion-Provincial Student Aid bursary, awarded on the results of the grade 13 examinations, has a value of \$500 for each of four years, if the winner maintains scholarship standing in each year of his courses.

A second award from the same bursary awards him \$400 on his first-year course.

A third award is the \$300 Canadian Legion university scholarship, making a grand total of \$2,700, which assures Joe a good start on his plans on the Engineering Science course at the University of Western Ontario, London this fall.

Don Moffatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Moffatt, received a scholarship of \$200 for the highest standing at Watford District High School. Don will enter a Commerce and Finance course of the University of Toronto.

Anne Marie Dolan of Warwick and Douglas Waterworth of Alvinston each are awarded \$100 Grade 13 scholarships under the Dominion-Provincial student aid bursary.

This makes at present a total of \$3,100 in scholarship awards for Watford District High School students, which well maintains the record achieved in previous years by students from our local school.

Those Were the Days.

Things We Remember (Good and Bad)

— Mr. Harry Miller (principal) explaining to the boys what dogs did to tobacco plants before they were made into cigarettes.

— Mr. Miller carrying boys twice his size by the scruff of the neck...

— flooding out Mrs. Richards' history classes by leaving the taps on in the old upstairs lab.

— skipping school and then catching the bus down at the bus barns to get a ride home.

— the joys and woes of raising and then having to kill the chickens for ag class.

— getting stung by the bees while gathering honey while Mr. Michie (the only one in full protective gear) hollered, "Don't kill the bees."

— decorating the cars and going to the annual field day — cheerleaders — day off school — new girls — WOW!

— walking to school after getting put off the bus for smoking.

— going to Ipperwash on the last day of school in June — getting thoroughly sunburned.

— looking forward to two months of freedom.

— You could hear Mr. Miller's keys before you could see Mr. Miller as he came to check on the boys in the basement locker rooms. The problem was there were usually about 10 boys and only 3 toilets to hide in!

— Students glued Doc Myers' rubbers to the floor.

Fun Facts of the 50's

No matter how far you are planning on travelling, you can never move more than two feet at a time.

Mr. Michie: (after Easter Chemistry exams) "Well, what did you think of the exam?"

Pat McCormick: "I thought it was all very inclusive. Everything that wasn't covered in class, was covered on the exam."



After school you could go to the restaurant, buy a Coke for 10 cents and sit for hours. Laverne Williamson, Janet Butler, Gord Richardson, Doug Wallis, Joe Woodall.



Boy did we have homework! Jean, Thelma and Carolyn Ross.



THE ATTIC. You could slip away up to the attic in our school, if no one saw you. There was even a box of chalk and you felt compelled to write your name on the rafters. If you had lots of time before you might be missed, you could date it and draw a fancy outline around it.

Mr. Gilroy to student: "I'm ashamed of you. When I was no older than you I could reel off all the Prime Ministers of Canada without hesitation."

Student: "Yes, but there were only three or four of them then."

Miss Hamilton: "What is a synonym?"

Max Perritt: "A word you use when you can't spell another."

Mr. Gilroy, annoyed with his clock-watching students, covered the clock with cardboard on which he lettered . . . "Time will pass. Will you?"

Miss Marshall: "I suppose all geniuses are conceited."

Don Pavey: "Some of them — but I'm not."

1960-1969



Teaching Staff 1960-1969

Mr. Michie — Principal
 Mrs. Blair — Latin, Ancient History
 Miss Sheppard — French
 Miss Hamilton — English, History
 Miss Opalais — Physical Education and Health
 Mrs. Korczak — Commercial, Vocational Guidance
 Mrs. Fenn — English
 Miss Allin — Home Economics, Physical Education
 Mr. Davis — Science, Biology, Agriculture
 Mr. Brenner — Industrial Arts, Agricultural Science
 Mrs. Richards — Art, English
 Mr. Lyle — Physics, Chemistry
 Mr. Gray — Mathematics, Science, Vocational Guidance
 Mr. Gilroy — Mathematics, History, Geography

Mr. Weber — Mathematics
 Mr. Watson — Physical Education, History, Geography
 Mr. Giles — Science, Biology, Agriculture
 Miss Oleskevich — Physical Education
 Mrs. Watson — Home Economics
 Miss Searson — Physical Education
 Mrs. Beaton — French
 Mr. Cull — English
 Mr. Crawford — English
 Mr. Houston — Mathematics
 Mr. James — Physics, Chemistry, Science
 Mr. Burgin — Physical Education
 Miss Moulton — English
 Mrs. Skutt — French
 Mr. Welch — Manual Training, Industrial Arts, Science
 Mr. Boyd — Science, Agriculture
 Mr. George — Mathematics, Botany

Zoology
 Mr. Browning — English
 Mrs. Burgin — Home Economics
 Mrs. McKellar — Commercial
 Mrs. Mercer — Physical Education
 Mr. Glidden — Physical Education
 Miss Pratt — Home Economics
 Miss Moore — English
 Mrs. Powell — English
 Mrs. Odenback — Commercial
 Mr. Beaton — English
 Mr. MacDonald — Chemistry
 Mrs. Triggs — Home Economics
 Mrs. Reade — Commercial
 Mr. Whiting — Physics, Mathematics
 Mr. Gupta — Mathematics
 Miss Burley — English
 Mrs. Whiting — Home Economics
 Mr. Goodale — English, Drama
 Mrs. Traxler — Physical Education



Do You Remember . . .

The year when classes were held during lunch period so that we could take all the grade 13 subjects we needed. We usually had ten minutes to eat lunch.

The times when you had 2 minutes between classes.

The ancient history class where Mrs. Blair praised Julius Caesar to the best of her ability. She then turned to a student and said, "Well Jim, what do you think of that?" Jim replied, "We-l-l-l, they sure don't make men like they used to!!"

Spending free time (?) (lunch time and before school) in the Latin room, translating English to Latin and Latin to English.

Agriculture classes.

Mr. Murray James before his trip to Europe to teach; no beard and red hair. When the teaching staff of W.D.H.S. played the Strathroy teachers in a game of basketball and Mr. Burgin and Mr. James scored ALL the points for Watford.

when Mr. Brenner and Mr. Watson lived in the little house beside Mr. Gilroy's farm. When the school bus went by in the morning, the bus driver would honk his horn to make sure they were up! Turn about day in 1963 when David Powell was principal, Marilyn Dundas was secretary and the Grade 13 students became teachers.

The time a commercial teacher hid her large dog (labrador retriever) in the supply room at the side of the commercial room over the gym.



Bus Drivers

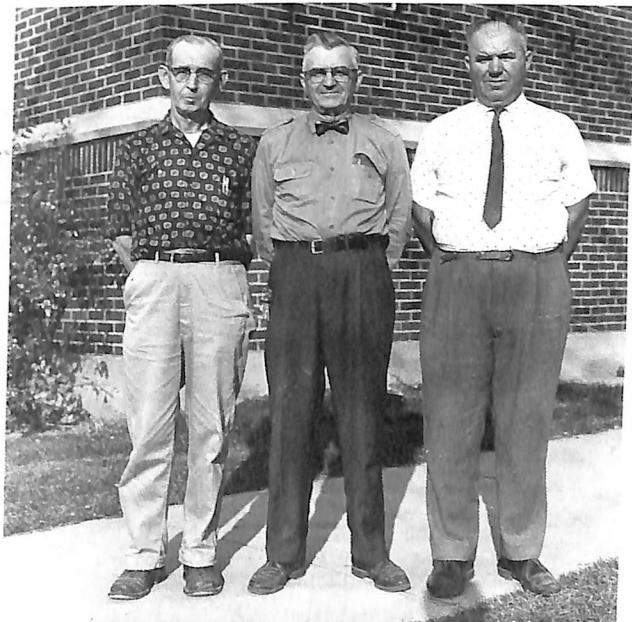
George Edwards
Franklin Auld
Mac McLachlin
Fred Wilson
Clayton Morgan
Vance Kersey
Harold Sutton
Walter Eastabrook



Mrs. Ella E. Blair received the "Canadian Centennial Medal" in March, 1968 for her years of service in the teaching profession.

School Secretaries

Mrs. Gailbraith
Mrs. Austin
Mrs. Playfoot
Mrs. Catt
Mrs. Vosburgh



Custodial Staff

Vance Kersey
Orville Edwards
Elmer McLean



A Volkswagen was found on the school's roof one morning in 1962.

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Addition to W.D.H.S.



Demolition of John Hair's residence and Roy Caley's cottage during October, 1960 made way for the new addition to Watford District High School. Students eagerly awaited the much-needed space. This new wing of the school included a library, one regular classroom, two washrooms, two laboratories and locker space. The official opening on May 19, 1961 included conducted tours, a fashion show and displays of projects completed in shop classes.

New County Board

The Lambton County Board came into being in 1968. Previous to this, each school had its own Board of Education. The first election took place on Decem-

ber 10. The Dawn-Euphemia representative was James Brennan. The Brooke-Alvinston representative was Mr. William MacDougall and Watford-

Warwick and Forest were represented by Clarence Wilkinson. When the Board met for the first time they elected William MacDougall chairman.

Cadets



After many hours of marching and drilling, the cadets paraded and held a formal inspection each year. After the inspection, displays were presented including first aid, signalling, civil defense, gymnastics and a marching drill by the band. Awards were presented for best rifle shot, best boy cadet and best girl cadet. The cadets marched past the Cenotaph where the salute was taken.

Although the cadet band was founded in 1959 with 5 snare drums, 1 base drum, and 15 buglers, it made its first

public appearance in 1960. Four new drums and more buglers had been added. They played for Inspection Day and other various functions.

The Majorettes made a brief appearance in 1960 wearing white satin skirts and purple velvet tops. Head majorette was Judy Watson leading Cheryl Perritt, Jean Dundas, Noreen Woodall and Jackie Burchill.



Cadets! We marched in May for inspections. Girl officers in white blouses and navy shorts, the rest in white blouses and white shorts. The boys were in heavy woollen uniforms. Many would faint (?) in the heat and the First Aid Corps would pick them up on stretchers. Occasionally a patient was dropped accidentally.



The school had a cadet band. Some could even play a tune.



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Do You Remember . . .

School Queens

- 1960 — Joanne Wilcox
- 1961 — Betty Anne Meier
- 1962 — Brenda Lightfoot
- 1963 — Judy Hair
- 1964 — Ann Marie Fisher
- 1965 — Patty Rogers
- 1966 — Elizabeth Boyd
- 1967 — Laura Ann Martin



Mirror Editors

- 1960-61 — Jane Hair
- 1961-62 — Jamie Wrightman, Bonnie Smith
- 1962-63 — Jamie Wrightman
- 1963-64 — Judy Hair
- 1964-65 — Lorne Wardell
- 1965-66 — Rick Mitchell
- 1966-67 — Ward Robertson, Elizabeth Alma
- 1967-68 — Jon Morgan, Stewart Gilliland
- 1968-69 — Rhonda Hustler

— when the local newspaper column entitled "Mirror" was changed to "Profiles" in 1967.

- Ward Robertson and company (Jim McLaren and Brian Houston) spinning the disks in the gym for the dances (especially on Fridays at noon).
- when gymnastics competitions were held to replace Cadets and the Fashion show in 1966.
- the Grain club with Presidents Jack McDougall, William Tait, etc.
- David Barnes and Joyce Dolbear attending the United Nations Seminar at the University of Western Ontario in 1960.
- the Book Club with President Mildred Cumming.
- the Science Club.
- the Science Seminar attended by Bob McLaren.
- the canteen — "pop and chips for lunch?!"



The time the Hallowe'en pranksters decorated the water tower north of the school.

School Leaders

- 1960 — Bruce Fisher
- 1961 — Lyle Moffatt
- 1962 — Clare Minielly
- 1963 — Robert McLaren
- 1964 — Larry Janes
- 1965 — Murray Lawes
- 1966 — Stephen Beattie
- 1967 — Ron Weed

Student Council Presidents

- 1960-61 — Joanne Wilcox
- 1961-62 — Alice McEachern
- 1962-63 — Clare Minielly
- 1963-64 — Ina Mae Wilcox
- 1964-65 — Roger Sutton
- 1965-66 — Connie Gentleman
- 1966-67 — Peter Brennan
- 1967-68 — Terry Holbrook
- 1968-69 — Barb Smale

History club with president Bruce Fisher which met to discuss topics of vital importance to world situations.

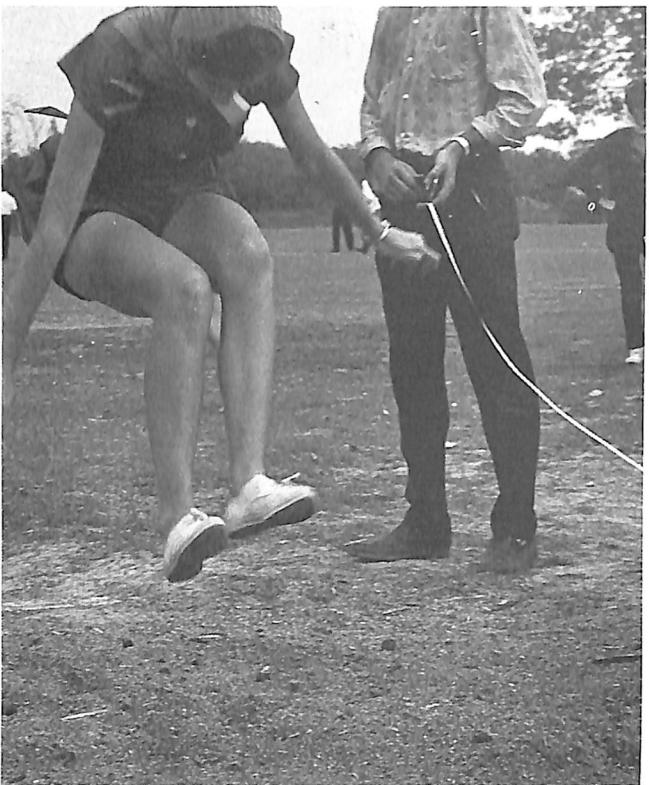
- Heinz Catsup, 4 bottles for \$.43.
- choice pure beef hamburg, 3 pounds for \$1.00.
- English books for all grades, Words are Important.
- Trudeaumania.
- the new Photography Club directed by Mr. Houston.
- the first 6-day cycle of timetables in 1967.
- The beautiful false tents made of crepe paper streamers built inside the gym for the spring formal.
- ballroom dancing lessons.
- alumni dances.
- The annual "Sadie Hawkins" Dance.

Do You Remember . . .

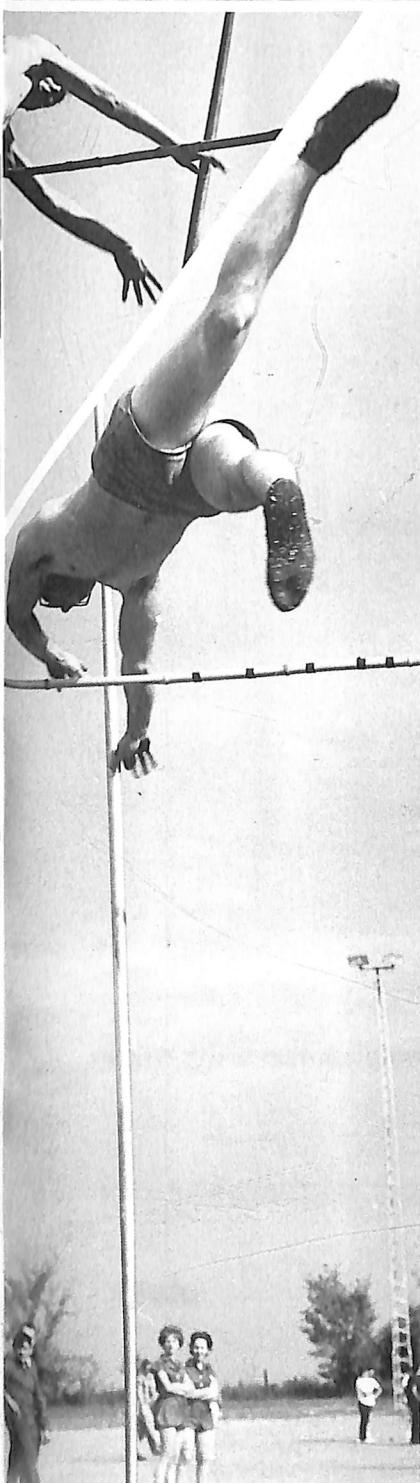
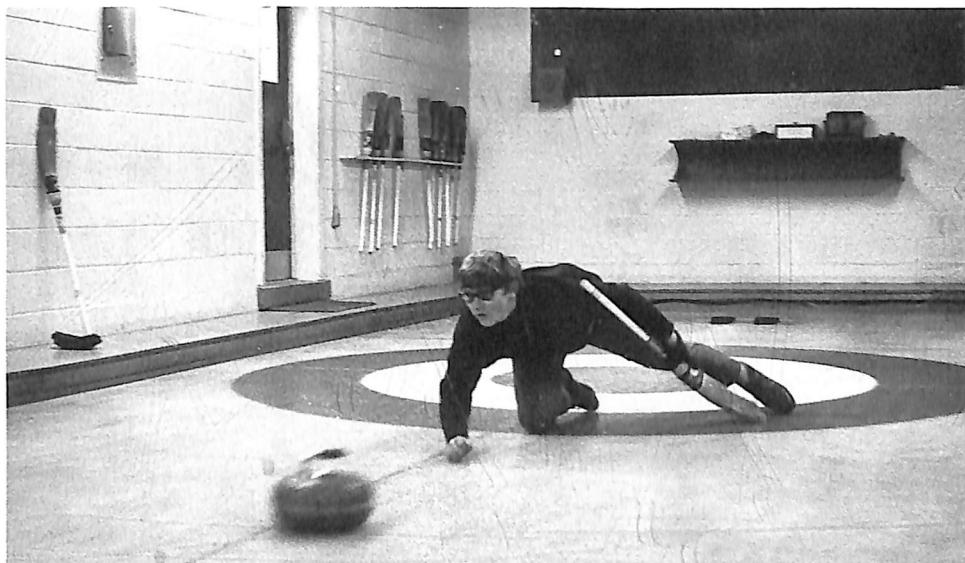
- The wonderful (?) blue, one-piece, buttoned gym suits.
- The sports uniforms for girls — no stretch, heavy and hot!



- when Field Day was held in the fall until 1968.



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— The curling club.



— The times when our athletic clubs were pitted against Glencoe, Forest, Parkhill, Petrolia and Strathroy rather than Lambton Secondary Schools.

— The boys sneaking on stage to lift weights during the girls' physical education classes.

— The physical education classes where you had to run around the block. We would sprint until we were hidden by houses and then walk, (or ride on the hood of a car) then sprint again when in view of the school. We would collapse at the teacher's feet. He or she would make us get up and do more exercises.

Do You Remember . . .



— Violet McGugan being champion of her class at the District Field Day for 5 consecutive years and winning Senior Girls' champion at W.O.S.S.A. in 1961.

— The glee club uniform of navy skirts and white blouses.



WATFORD DISTRICT
HIGH SCHOOL

WATFORD - ONT.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD

Robert Engwood 18
NAME GRADE
Barbara Ont. 18
ADDRESS AGE
Principal *J. Michie*



— The student exchanges sponsored by the Rotary Club. Four students — two boys and two girls — would travel to Burr Oak, Michigan for a week and then would host four students from Michigan a short time later.



— the "Adventure in Citizenship" sponsored by the Rotary Club, when high school students from across Canada spent a week in Ottawa.



— The annual Fashion Show where our talents (?) in home economics were paraded for all to see — aprons, skirts, sports wear, wool suits, jumpers, night-wear and dresses.



— dress down day.

Those Were The Days . . .

Music of the 1960's

45 r.p.m. records
 King of the Road
 You Can't Roller Skate in a Buffalo Herd
 Hey Jude
 Twist and Shout
 California Sun
 Wipe Out
 Locomotion
 Da Doo Ron Ron
 California Dreamin'
 Chapel of Love
 Stop in the Name of Love
 I Got You Babe
 It's My Party
 Dominique
 The Lion Sleeps
 Tonight
 Puff
 Canada
 I'm a Believer
 Satisfaction
 Good Loving
 Shout
 Let the Sun Shine In
 I Saw Her Standing There

Fashion Trends

- shoes with spiked heels and pointed toes
- plaid skirts
- sweaters buttoned up the back
- crinolines
- bobby socks and running shoes
- pleated skirts
- blouson blouses
- pop tops
- boys with very short hair and crew cuts
- girls with short hair and permanent waves
- dresses above the knee
- cardigan sweaters
- skinny ties with square bottoms
- only boys wore slacks
- mini skirts
- guys in their striped shirts
- dark, tight leg pants
- high leather boots
- desert boots
- penny loafers
- fisherman sweaters
- sweater vests
- wire frame glasses

Movies

Ben Hur
 Sound of Music
 My Fair Lady
 Carry-On Movies
 The Ten Commandments
 Tarzan
 On The Beach

— the girls protested to wear slacks and jeans to school.

— the walkathons sponsored for Oxfam to give aid to the underprivileged overseas.

Local Hangouts

Bluebird Restaurant
 Trenouth's Restaurant
 Ward's Grill
 Belinda's Restaurant
 Pool Hall
 "The Tank"
 Pump House (Smoker's Heaven)



1960

— the exhilaration of Neil Armstrong's "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."



1969

— the sadness of the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy.

— phone numbers with 2 digits.

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INTERMEDIATE Certificate

This Intermediate Certificate

is Granted to

EVLYN L. BLACK

a Pupil of

WATFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Who has completed successfully, in accordance with the regulations prescribed for the Department of Education of Ontario, the programme of studies in Grades VII and VIII and one of the courses in Grades IX and X.

Dated at WATFORD
the 2nd day of July, 1963.

William G. Howe
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
J. McElroy
PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOL

Ontario Scholars

- 1961 — Jane Hair
- 1962 — Robert Shirley, Bonnie Smith
- 1963 — Marsha Oudman
- 1964 — Robert McLaren, Beverly Lawes
- 1966 — Connie Gentleman
- 1967 — Mildred Cumming
- 1968 — Joseph Sammon, Glenn Walker, Ronald Weed, Phyllis Lebert
- 1969 — Jonathan Morgan

Scholarships

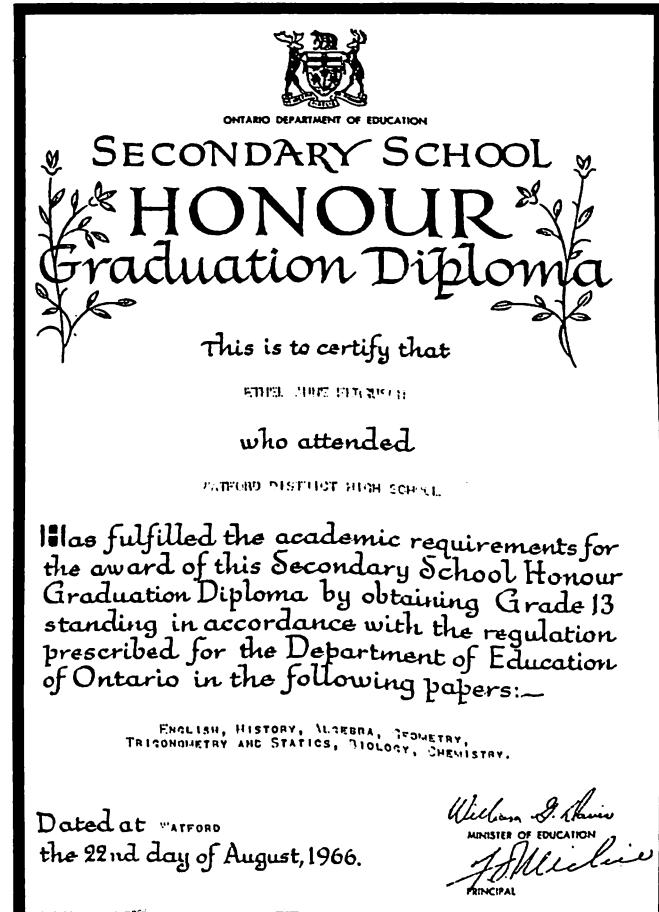
In 1966, Watford District High School students had earned more scholarships than any other neighbouring school to date. The Department of Education recommended no more than 1250-1500 students in a school as larger numbers stifled student progress.

— The times of an Intermediate Graduation when you finished grade 10.

— Christmas and Easter exams combined and written at the end of January starting in 1965.

Poetry Honoured

Two students of Watford District High School, Nancy Chapple and Stewart Gililand, were honoured by having their work chosen for a bound collection entitled, "Centennial Leaf." Grade 13 students edited and published a collection of poetry and prose written by Canadian High school students at Toronto's York Memorial Collegiate as a Centennial project. Only one other student from Lambton County held this honour.



Do You Remember . . .



— performances such as Trial by Jury, Harvey, Dust of the Road, Mother's Day and The Pen of My Aunt.



— travelling to the Stratford Festival to see such plays as Romeo and Juliet, Midsummer Night's Dream, Henry V, Cyrano de Bergerac, Henry VIII.





— the Expo trip in 1967 with students from Grade 9-13 sharing this unique experience.



— the class trip to Quebec City; the train ride, the boardwalk, the fun and friendship, Bob Wilson's wallet . . .

— The historical class trip to Ottawa for our history enrichment. The one that was never repeated.



The Prom . . .

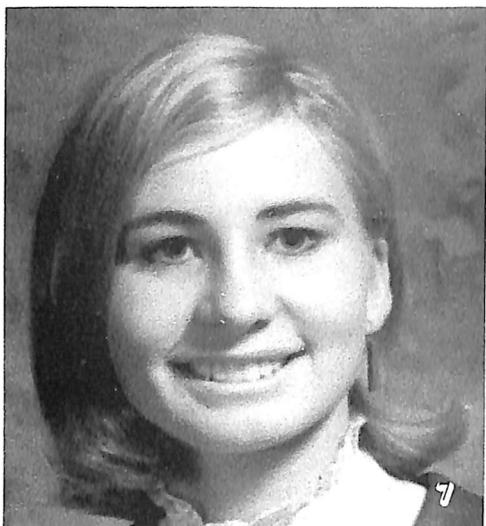


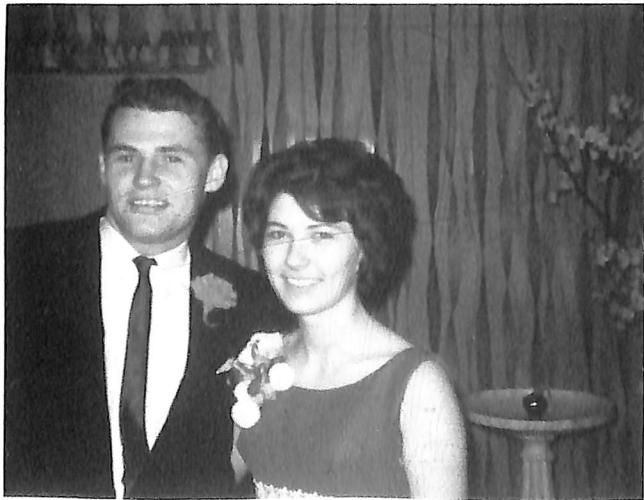
The social event of the year occurred in the spring with the annual Prom Night. Many, many hours were spent converting the school gymnasium to a fantasy world complete with a crepe paper tent to create this illusion. Marvelous themes included Carousel, Oriental Enchantment, Land of the Windmills, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea and Springtime in Paris.

The history of the Watford District High School Prom Queen began in the spring of 1963. She was elected from the senior classes by the student body. The secret results were unveiled at the prom. The first prom queen was crowned by the School Queen of 1962, Miss Brenda Lightfoot.

The Prom Queens were:

1963 — Marilyn Dundas	1
1964 — Margaret McVicar	2
1965 — Lois Parker	3
1966 — Sherie Capes	4
1967 — Marion Smith	5
1968 — Linda McLean	6
1969 — Mary Scholten	7





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Graduates 1960 - 1969



1960 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Gloria Johnson, Joyce Dolbear, Jane Hair, Mary Dolbear, Helen Smith, Ruth Anne Frayne, Barbara McKercher. Middle Row: Marie Cown, Margaret Leach, Norma Auld, Joan Graham, Joanne Wilcox, Joan Tanton, Ruth Ward, Alaina Brownlee, Carole Williamson, Wanda Gates. Back Row: Ron Oke, Bob Shea, Bill Hayward, Russell Powell, David Barnes, Terry Smith, Bruce Fisher.



1961 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Lynne Campbell, Mary Anne Watson, Beverly Moffatt, Elizabeth Ann Meier, Nancy Fisher, Betty Jean Hayter, Joyce Patterson, Bonita Smith. Middle Row: Mary Pitel, Helen Koncovy, Lois Fuller, Gail Dolbear, Mary Horvat, Violet McGugan, Alice McEachern, Ann McEachern, Elva Zavitz, Catherine Abma, Lenora Brown, Sharon Kimball, Hilda Roukema, Tina Roukema. Back Row: Margaret Lucan, Robert Shirley, Omer St. Pierre, Lyle Bryce, Ray Manders, Lyle Moffatt, David Armstrong, Arthur Johnson, Phyllis Smith.



1962 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Anne Searson, Joanne Hansford, Rennie Hoeksema, Isabel Parker, Carolyn Ross, Marsha Oudman, Lois Howden, Barbara Morgan, Carol Acton. Middle Row: Bill Claypole, Janet Huctwith, Brenda Lightfoot, Elizabeth Campbell, Louise Smith, Viola Brayford, Marlene Caley, Nancy Powell, Gwen Newman, Max Brouwer. Back Row: Red Bryce, Frank Peaslee, Jack McDougall, Bob Correstine, Leroy Willer, Bill Ellison, Jerome Morgan, Jamie Wrightman, Wray Wilson, Larry Routley, Ken Cowan, Clare Minielly. Absent: Bernard Cox, Kenneth Doerr, Bill McAlpine, Lois McLachlan, Kaye Perritt, Bill Van Der Wal.



1963 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Doris Darville, Barbara Swan, Eleanor Boyd, Verna Abma, Judy Hair, Olivia Tanguay, Netti Lou Dolbear, Susan Edwards, Marilyn McNeil, Ann Campbell. Second Row: Betty Claypole, Nancy Patterson, Vivian MacDougall, Jessie Alderman, Phyllis Marsh, JoAnne Douglas, Martina Donkers, Barbara Taylor, Beverley Lawes, Beth Woods, Jean Greer, Barbara Wilkins. Third Row: Ina Mae Wilcox, Linda Eastabrook, Marilyn Dundas, Murray Metcalf, David Metcalf, Ray Maher, Robert McLaren, Sylvia Lehrbass, Verona Freer, Pat Trotechaud. Back Row: John Alderman, Ken Armstrong, Ted Curtis, Joe Recker, Doug Michie, Henry Bork, David Willer, Bruce Ross, Mac Redmond, Richard Johnson, Jim Routley, David Powell.



1964 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Ron Armstrong, Linda Lehrbass, Evelyn Johnston, Colene Clements, Maxine Robinson, Elaine King, Lita Jancik, Ellen Gray, Mary Jane Doyle, Cheryl Perritt, Clare McLachlin. Middle Row: Allan Morwood, Lillian Johns, Marilyn Gentleman, Darla Deans, Donna Shortt, Ann Fisher, Anne Patterson, Reba Perritt, Janet Lehrbass, Katherine Johnson, Cheryl Lehrbass, Mary Verelst, Colleen Goss, Linda Patterson, Mary Ethel Searson, Joe Ophof. Back Row: Dennis Lamb, Allan Redmond, Charles Duncan, Michael Whitton, Roger Sutton, Hank Hoeksema, Michael Tibensky, Ronald Martin, Gene Lewis, Donald Cox, Larry Janes, Murray Patterson, Robert Redick, John Lewis, Wayne Cundick.



1965 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Margaret McVicar, Ethel Ferguson, Jean Kucera, Jean McLean, Judy Nemeth, Lily Johns, Betty Michalek, Evelyn Black, Elizabeth McLean, Brenda Warner, Lois Parker. Second Row: Ria Oudman, Linda O'Brian, Marilyn Cumming, Connie Gentleman, Penny St. Dennis, Sharon Calhoun, Patty Rogers, Norma Metcalf, Lila Johnson, Peggy Hollingsworth, Jenny Hoeksema, Grace Armstrong, Barbara Woods, Mary Lou St. Pierre. Third Row: Gary Muxlow, Rick Singleton, Lorne Wardell, Doug Inglis, Ron Howden, Bernard Joosten, Les Frazek, Carl Martin, Elmer Douglas, Douglas Craig, Robert McAuslin, Ralph Morwood, Jim Burns. Back Row: Brian Brown, Roy Winsor, Harley Searson, Murray Lawes, Keith McCreary, Robert Parker, Bill Tait, Alan Galbraith, Jim Watson, Doug Dundas, Peter Brennan, Bill Clark. Absent: Dennis Dudley.



1966 Grade XII Graduates (Girls): Front Row: Carol Lovell, Mary Ricker, Pauline Recker, Fern MacDougall, Patsy Chambers, Isabell Cran, Elizabeth Bayley. Middle Row: Elizabeth Ferguson, Elizabeth Abma, Mildred Cumming, Lydia Cuipak, Donna McCreary, Sherie Capes, Leann Parker, Susan Rhodes, Bonnie Wilson, Wilma Parker. Back Row: Karen Steinburg, Angie Graham, Brenda Shilson, Diane Melton, Lydia Stefanik, Brenda Vallas, Catherine Mansfield, Jeannette Douglas, Elizabeth Boyd.



1966 Grade XII Graduates (Boys): Front Row: Bryan Smith, Victor Tait, Keith McNeil, John Vosbourg, Ward Robertson, Brian Houston, Donald Craig. Middle Row: Chris Deuzman, Gary Cook, Jim McLaren, David Banks, Ken Barnes, Roger Jahns, John Lahovy, Bob Williams, Jerry Westgate, Jerry Clark. Back Row: Raymond Morgan, Ron Thompson, Jim Duffy, Rick Mitchell, David Fuller, Stephen Beattie, Philip Armstrong, Paul Campbell, Gary Clark, Bob Patterson, Wayne Edwards.



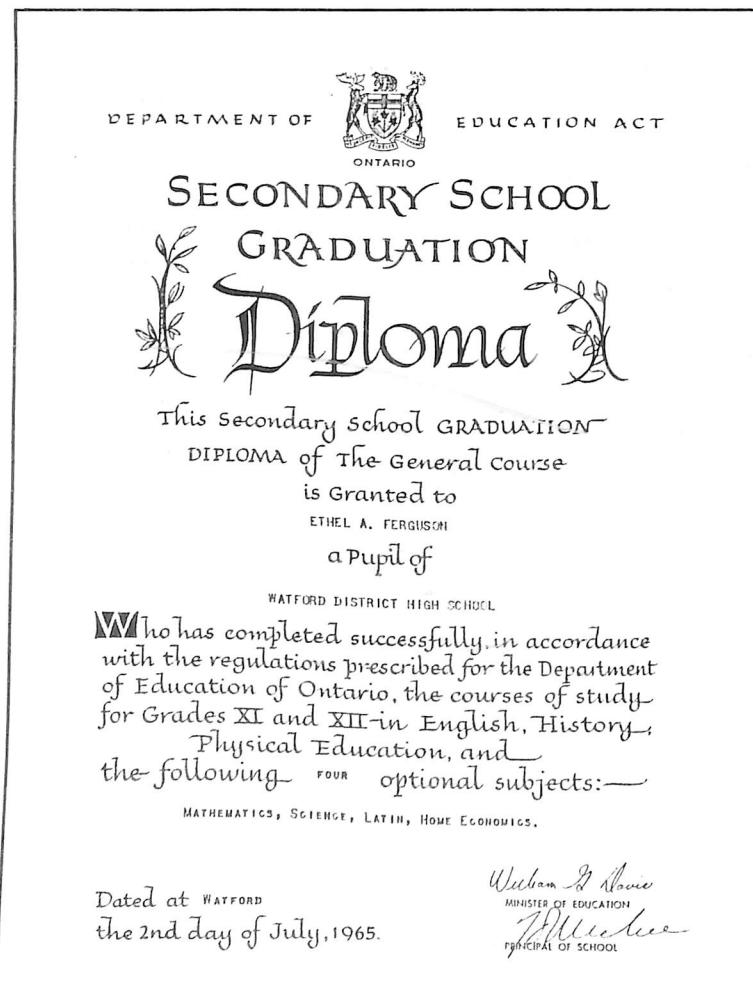
1967 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Ruth Ann McLachlin, Marion Smith, Margaret St. Pierre, Laura Martin, Minnie Scholten, Laurie Hustler, Lorena Armstrong. Middle Row: Patsy Anderson, Ann Vosbourg, Lottie Myer, Margaret Belak, Islay Campbell, Vicki Bahro, Elaine Minielly, Barbara Morgan. Back Row: Larry Lehrbass, Ardell Patterson, John Bryce, Glenn Walker, Ron Weed, Jim Johnson, Robert Craig, Gerald Waugh, Larry Copeland.



1968 Grade XII Graduates: Front Row: Theresa Ruth, Mary Lou Robertson, Carol Leitch, Pat Brennan, Marg Brown, Judy Moore, Brenda Patterson, Mary Brydon, Karen Kinna. Middle Row: Linda McLean, Elizabeth Parker, Barbara Smale, Bonnie Gray, Linda George, Ann Thompson, Beverley Kidd, Barb Duquette, Sally Tait, Wendy Waugh, Stewart Gilliland, Darryl Searson. Back Row: Ken Copeland, Rick Moffit, Frank Smith, Robert McVicar, Orville Graham, Bob Deuzeman, Andrew Oudman, Robert Gray, Danny Watson, Randy Brown, Jim Hair, Peter Annett, Claude Nenez, Jonathan Morgan. Absent: Terry Holbrook, Roger Trotechaud, Garry Hall, Richard Manders.



1969 GRADE XII GRADUATES: Catherine Aitken, Lydia Bahro, Gerald Brown, Larry Calhoun, Donald Copeland, Paul Deschamps, Catherine Ferguson, Ruth Fisher, Janet Fuller, Lorraine Gentleman, John Gilliland, Ruth Gilliland, Louisa Goadec, John Gray, Deborah Healey, Rhonda Hustler, Robert Johnson, Diane Lehrbass, Brian Lochner, Linda MacDougall, Carl McCreary, Margaret McLaren, Kenneth McLean, Robert McLean, Jan Mitchell, Joan Mitchell, Marsha Mitchell, Ronald Morgan, Elayne Newman, Muriel Recker, John Ruth, Aileen Sammon, Mary Scholten, Roy Searson, Sharon Simpson, Ronald Sitlington, Shelley St. Denis, Diane Swartz, Sandra Swartz, Janice Thompson, Annie Van Dinther, Donald Werden, Robert Wilson.



1970-1979



Welcome to the '70's

The decade was welcomed as a new era. Trudeau was wearing a rose in his lapel, and Nixon was announcing plans to send troops to Cambodia. Paul McCartney left the Beatles, and *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* and *Let it Be* were the songs of the "new generation". *Midnight Cowboy* won the Oscar, and Bobby Orr scored in overtime to give the Boston Bruins their first Stanley Cup since 1941.

Watford District High School would undergo major changes in this decade. The skirts were short and the pants had bell bottoms. Poof hairstyles were "in", and it was the dawning of the age of Aquarius. It was hard to tell some of the teachers from the students. Mrs. Kerr was already drinking from the fountain of eternal youth, and Mr. Glidden was full of energy even back then.

Ontario's Minister of Education, William Davis, visited the school to see firsthand what the needs of the school were. During his June 1970 visit, he gave encouraging news that the ministry would be receptive to needed funding to make major changes to the school.

Curling, gymnastics and bowling were three very popular activities at WDHS as the decade began, but interests changed and by the end of the decade, these were less popular extra-curricular events. Sports had always been an important part of life in the school and, because it was a small school, students had a good opportunity to participate on teams. Of course, some teams had a rough time against the larger county schools, but it was always a thrill for the teams to get into double digit numbers in basketball games.

As the decade progressed, the

skirts stayed short but the hair, both male and female, grew longer and longer. The long wait for a new addition finally came to an end, and for a short time classes were held in the Centennial Hall and the arena auditorium while construction took place. The name of the school was changed to East Lambton Secondary School when the new addition was completed.

Trips to far and near took place during the seventies. Students went to France, Stratford, Ottawa and the French Carnival in Quebec City. The French exchange with Quebec began and the students experienced French culture for a week followed by the French students being hosted here for a week. Father Leon Boisvert became a familiar and popular figure yearly at ELSS.

The grand opening of the new addition in 1974 was a gala affair. Tom Wells, Minister of Education, attended and the ribbon was cut by student council co-presidents Brenda Smale and John Munro. The new auditorium/gymnasium was the scene of many assemblies and other events.

Along the way, jeans and pants replaced those short skirts for female students. The girls ventured into the hockey scene and won a championship in 1977. Hairstyles changed again near the end of the decade, and the majority of students had the same length hair, no matter what sex.

In the '70's, the only thing that came in cans was pop. A case of Two Four cost \$8.90 and it came in brown bottles. Cigarettes were 89 cents a pack. Potato chips sold in the booth at the school for 10 cents a bag. Students could run up to the Bluebird, order a plate of fries and pop, gulp it down and be

back before the bell rang at the noon hour.

Near the end of the decade many first-time voters supported Joe Clark when he defeated Pierre Trudeau but Clark's stay in power was short-lived. He was defeated six months later. The drinking age was raised from 18 to 19 about that time also.

The music world lost Elvis Presley while the Bee Gees continued their reign. Boston's *More Than a Feeling* and the Bay City Rollers' rendition of *S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night* were popular with the students at ELSS. Alice Cooper's *School's Out* and Nazareth's *Love Hurts* were also favourites.

Sweetheart queens, prom nights, couples, the threat of school closure, the threat of a teachers' strike as the decade ended, tragic accidents, first loves, detentions, victories, school spirit, super teachers who went that extra mile, participation, pride and responsibilities — all these made life at WDHS/ELSS an unforgettable experience, one every student who attended the school in the 1970's is proud to own.

What did Dinnie do when her mini-skirt caught on fire? She put it out with her panty-hose.

It is said that for spreading the news the female is more dependable than the mail.

A worm met another worm coming out of the ground. "You're beautiful," the first worm said, "and I'd like to marry you."

"Don't be silly," was the reply. "I'm your other end."

Teachers at WDHS/ELSS During the 1970s

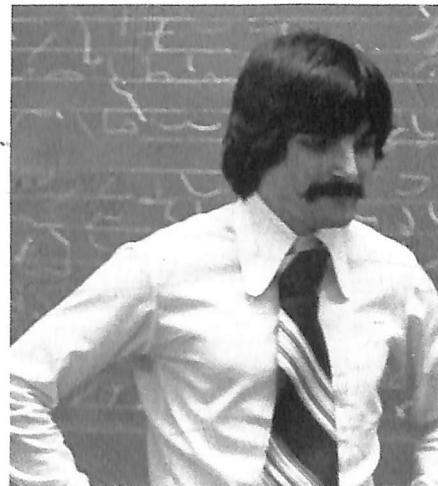


Teaching during the 1970's were, from the left, Murray Holmes, Roderick Glenn, Ruth Wilkinson Clifford and John Russell.



Annalee Kerr

Mrs. Carol-Ann Barre, Mrs. Cathy Barzo, Mr. John Beaton, Mrs. Ella Blair, Mr. Keith Boyd, Miss Ida Burley, Mrs. Ruth Clifford, Mr. John Condos, Miss Mary Dong, Mrs. Shirley Gililand, Mr. Lorne Gilroy, Mr. Rod Glenn, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Donald Goodale, Mr. Ed Gray, Miss Catherine Haggerty, Miss Elizabeth Hargrove, Mr. Murray Holmes, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs. Barbara Lisowski, Mr. John McCormick, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mr. John McKinley, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ina Phibbs, Mrs. Phoenix, Mrs. Grace Reade, Mr. Russell, Mr. Robert Sellar, Miss Inez Sheppard, Mr. Shiflet, Mrs. Ellen Stephenson, Mr. Clifford Swanstrom, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mrs. Valerie Verstrate, Mr. Robert Watson, Mr. Gordon Whiting, Mrs. Patricia Wright.



John Condos



Keith Boyd



Robert Glidden



Principal Mait Edgar

Student Councils in the 1970s

1970

President: Bob Wilson
 Vice-President: Gerrit Deuzeman
 2nd Vice-President: Annie Van Dinther
 Secretary: Pat Hollingsworth, assisted by Jeanette Smith
 Treasurer: Carl McCreary, assistant Larry Morris
 Yearbook Editor: Bruce Morgan, assisted by John Vafiades
 Social Convenors: Debbie Healy, Joyce Prince
 Athletic Reps.: Dinnie Scholten, Mike Martin

1971

President: Mike Martin
 Vice-President: Don Shirley
 Secretary: Jeanette Smith
 Treasurer: Larry Morris, assisted by Lynne Brown
 Yearbook Editor: Mary Werden, assisted by Laurie McAlpine
 Social Convenors: Gary Parsons, assisted by Dianne Thomson
 Athletic Reps.: Steve Janicek, Holly Hanson
 Room Reps: John Munro, Cheryl Cable, Jon Lambert, Pat Fuller, Burt McKinlay, Kim Newman, Robin Hollingsworth, Barb Rey-craft, Anne Marie Gentleman, Brenda Wilson, Ellen Thorne, Annice Houston

1972

President: Larry Morris
 Vice-President: Holly Hanson
 Secretary: Anne Marie Gentleman
 Treasurer: Burt Kinlay
 Yearbook Editor: Kim Carter
 Social Convenor: Mark Williams
 Athletic Reps.: Shirley Capes, Jon Lambert
 Room Reps: Connie King, Joan McKinlay, Corrie Van Loon, Doug Ferguson, Edmund Thomas, Mary Joyce Braekevelt, Denise Hargreaves, Martin Watson, Linda Neville, Catherine Fuller, Vicki Morris, Linda Houston, Brenda Smale.

1973

President: Alan Swartz
 Vice-President: Kim Carter
 2nd Vice-President: Mary Patterson
 Secretary: Connie King
 Treasurer: Doug Ferguson, assisted

by John Sammon

Yearbook Editor: Sue Douglas, assisted by Linda Tryon
 Social Convenor: Martin Watson
 Athletic Reps.: Kevin Bryson, Lenore Gray
 Room Reps.: John Munro, Ross Haagsma, Debbie Bryce, Ruth Anderson, Elaine Booth, Ian McVicar, Helen Maddock, Sherry Hollingsworth, Karen Moffit, Fran Van Dinther, Nancy Van Gorp, Kathy Brown, Laura Van Loon, Pat Morris, Pete Brown

1974

President: Doug Ferguson
 Vice-President: John Munro
 Secretary: Karen Fuller
 Treasurer: Pete Brown, assisted by John Sammon
 Yearbook Editor: Laurie Toffelmire, assisted by Jane McCormick
 Social Convenors: Brenda Beattie, assisted by Joe McCormick
 Athletic Reps.: Linda Houston, Brent McKellar
 Room Reps.: Phillip Blunt, Brian Aitken, Paul Hawkins, Ian McVicar, Tony Hoger-vorst, Herman Beintema, Cheryl Cable, Sharon Gilroy, Audrey Wilcox, Pat Blunt, Karen Moffit, Paula Wilcox, Joanne Macaulay

1975

Co-Presidents: Brenda Smale and John Munro
 Vice-Presidents: Diane Blunt and Bryan Aitken
 Secretary: Audrey Wilcox, assisted by Jane McCormick
 Treasurer: Nancy Van Gorp, assisted by Paul Martin
 Yearbook Editor: John Sammon, assisted by Jim Vafiades
 Social Convenors: Marj Van Haaren, Jim Vafiades
 Athletic Reps.:
 Room Reps.: Brendan Morgan, Scott Macaulay, Brent McKellar, Bryan Aitken, Phillip Blunt, Dave Blunt, Mervyn Lane, Debbie Hastic, Judy McAlpine, Bonnie Bryson, Lyn Williams, Alice Wiley, Pam Morningstar, Marg Bergsma, Janet Van Loon, Janice Edgar, Josie Verhoeven

1976

Co-Presidents: Diane Blunt and Jim Vafiades
 Vice-President: Brenda Wilcox
 Secretary: Pat Hogervorst
 Treasurer: Mark Vince
 Yearbook Editor: Marna Toffelmire, assisted by Mary DeKoning
 Social Convenor: Cecilia Morgan
 Athletic Reps.: Marianne Janicek, Rob Annett

Room Reps.: Patti Borrowman, Sally Parker, Jane Gray, Janet Van Loon, Cathy Vince, Charlene Sisson, Cathy Lunn, Lori Campbell, Julie Chalupka, Phillip Blunt, Susan Ferguson, Barb Wilson, Debbie Hastie

1977

Co-Presidents: Mark Vince and Marg Bergsma
 Executive: (No offices available) Cathy Vince, Beth Graham, Jim Wilson, Judy McAlpine, Norma Maddock, Reita Peters, Brendan Morgan, Janet Van Loon, Amy Goudreau, Lori Campbell

Room Reps.: Barb Wilson, Wendy Morning-star, Chris Moorehouse, Phillip Blunt, Faith Diks, Cathy Reid, Anita Van Dreumel, Celeste Lebert, Susan Ferguson, Julie Chalupka, Lori Vince, Debra Peters, Judy Borrowman

1978

Co-Presidents: David Willoughby and Janet Van Loon
 Vice-President: Judy McAlpine
 Secretary: Margie Misek
 Treasurer: Cathy Vince

Yearbook Editor: Lyn Williams
 Social Convenor: Howard Brown
 Athletic Reps.: Cathy Armstrong, Ron Hills
 Room Reps.: Sheri Klauka, John Bryans, Mark Vince, Lynn Rennison, Matt Goldhawk, Ben Hogervorst, Barb Wilson, Patty Copeland, Lori Vince, Cindy Rilett, Terry Bryson, Heidi Klein, Lorrie Sutherland, Norma Maddock, Deborah Peters, Debbie Verheyen, Chris Hawley

1979

Co-Presidents: Brendan Morgan
 Executive: A complete list of the executive is not available.

Valedictorians

1970, Freeman Boyd
 1971, Marjorie Cooper
 1972, Connie King
 1973, Brenda Beattie
 1974, Steve Hollingsworth

1975, Pat Hogervorst
 1976, Pam Morningstar
 1977, Beth Graham
 1978, Howard Brown
 1979, Ron Downie



Beth Graham

Prom Queens In The 70's



1970 Queen Anne Marie Robert and her attendants, from the left, Dianne Thomson, Joyce Prince, Annice Houston and Jeanette Smith.

1970

Queen — Anne Marie Roberts
Runnerup — Dianne Thomson
Queen's court — Joyce Prince, Annice Houston, Jeanette Smith

1971

Queen — Beth Mansfield
Runnerup — Jane Hollingsworth
Queen's court — Barbara Chapman, Charlene Muxlow, Marlene Edwards

1972

Queen — Annette Verboort
Runnerup — Joan Williams
Queen's court — Helen Lassaline, Barbara Reycraft, Anne Marie Gentleman

1973

Queen — Marg Lightfoot
Runnerup — Dawn Cundick
Queen's court — Jenny DeKoning, Anne McDernid, Brenda Stephenson and Mary Janssen.

1975

Queen — Nancy Van Gorp
Runnerup — Carol Moore
Queen's court — Bonnie Bryson, Vicki Morris, Pat Hogervorst

1976

Queen — Gayle Lehrbass
Runnerup — Laura Van Loon
Queen's court — Pat Morris, Sally Parker, Kathy Brown

1977

Queen — Janet Van Loon
Runnerup — Anita Van Dreumel
Queen's court — Judy McAlpine, Sandra Spitzig, Dawn Leitch

1978

Queen — Wendy Morningstar
Runnerup — Cathy Armstrong
Queen's court — no records available

1979

Queen — Margaret Wallis
Runnerup — Brenda Blain
Queen's court — Sandra Vosbourg, Gwendy McKellar, Karen Bryce



1973 Queen Marg Orrange Lightfoot, seated, and her attendants, from the left, Jenny DeKoning, Anne McDernid, Dawn Cundick, Brenda Stephenson and Mary Janssen.

Trips and Exchanges



Students from East Lambton Secondary School who went on the French Exchange to Nicolet, Quebec in 1977 were, front row, from the left, French teacher Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Brenda Edwards, Hedy Van Lieshout, Cathy Vince, Desiree Acton, Jane Beaton, Mary Ellen Smith, Norma Maddock, Janice Johnston, Sue McLachlan, and Fr. Leon Boisvert. Second Row: Janet Kucera, Monica Adams, Cathy Armstrong, Karen Betzema, Ruth Ann Keys, Lyn Williams, Debbie Van Loon, Rose Coates, Patti Borrowman, Jessica Jans and Cathy Reid. Back Row: Sharon Coleman, John Rennison, Doug Werden, Wilbert Zavitz, Mike Williams and Greg Playfoot.



"Carnival" in Quebec City was a great trip in 1973. With Bon Homme are, from the left, Cathy Slegers, Dawn Cundick, Joan McKinlay and Joanne Schoots.



The train trip from Watford to Nicolet was a long one for Doug Ferguson, left, and Tony Hogervorst.



Making the trip to Quebec City in 1976 were, from the left, Marianne Janicek, Sharon Gilroy, Amy Goudreau and Mrs. Annalee Kerr.



Jill Williams made friends with a "gendarme" in Paris, France.



John Hanson, left, and Bill Heath watched the filming of France's version of Sesame Street and met their Big Bird at Sacre Coure in Paris, France.

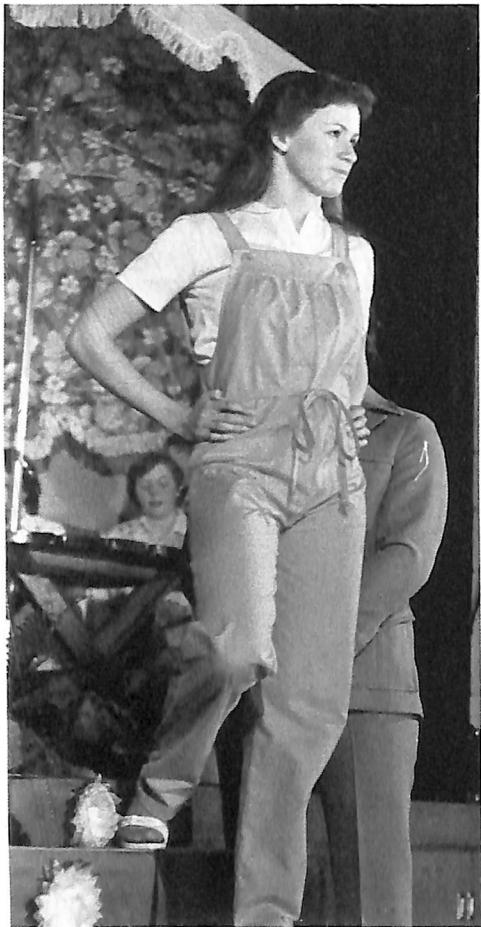


This was a familiar symbol each year at ELSS when the French Exchange students began to arrive.



Watford's own version of Charlie Chaplin. One never knew what would happen on long train rides.

Fashion Shows



Sandra Vosbourg modeled a one piece jump suit she created in Home Ec. class.



Perry Orrange, Joanne Simpson and Liz Elliott, standing, convened a fashion show in the late 70's.

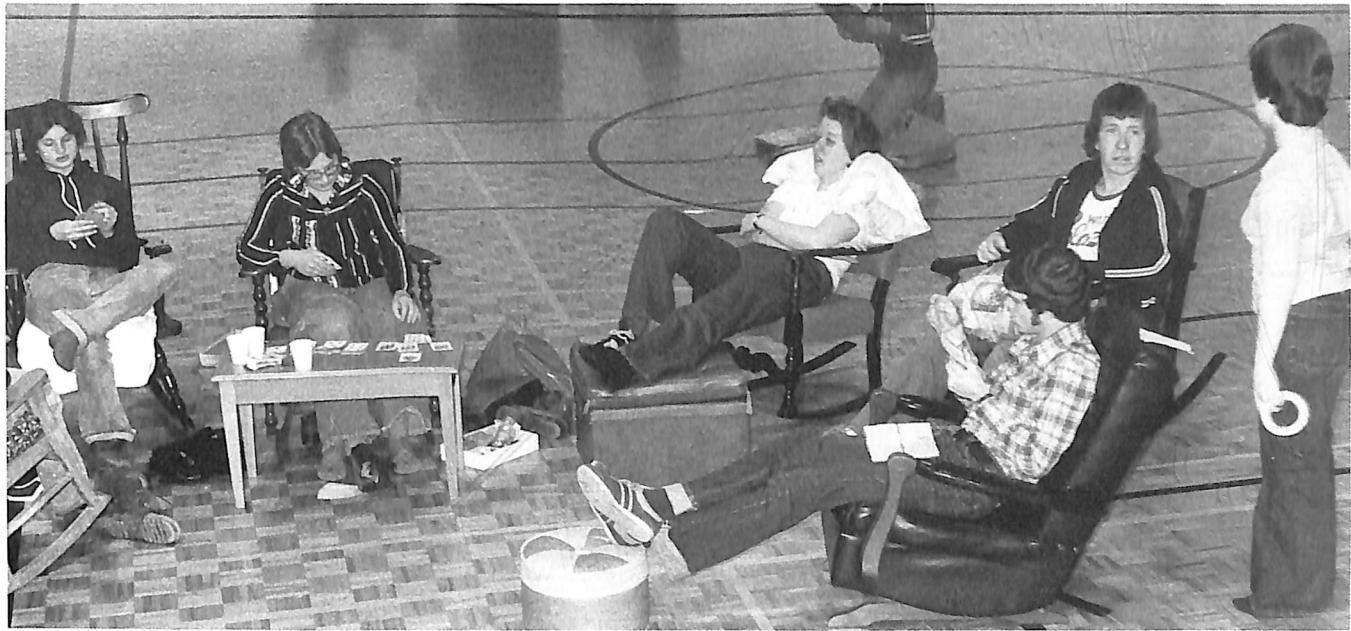


Paula Wilcox comes down the ramp after being helped down the steps by Rick Richardson in the background.



Grade 12's who helped in the 1975 fashion show included, from the left, Jim Vafiades, Kim Williams, Paul Mucha, Josei Verhoeven and Tim Coleman.

Special Times



Rocking to earn money through pledges for the yearbook were, from the left, Dawn Leitch, Jane Gray, Beth Graham, Phillip Blunt, Mark Vince and Cathy Vince.



Remember the portables?



Miss Libby Hargrove didn't need snow to learn how to ski. She rounds a corner on artificial snow.



John Rennison used the basketball board to help set up lights for an assembly.



Mrs. Bertha Vosbourg tests the coffee at a reception in the Home Ed. room.



Debra Peters, left, and Lynn Rennison were Sweetheart runnerup and Queen in 1976.

Sports at WDHS/ELSS



Taking a peek at the boys from visiting schools was half the fun of a gymnastics class on stage in gym.



Brad Milner prepares to kick the soccer ball during a game on the field inside the track.



Ready to give a cheer for the team are cheerleaders, front row, from the left, Kelly Pecena, Rhonda Gillies, Teresa Greenwood, Bev Garside and Felicity Morgan while Barb Healy stands at the top.

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Watford High School Colour Party members were, from the left, Willie Van Dinther, Barb Edwards, Fran Van Dinther, Bernie Van Loon and Barb Williams.



It wasn't just boys who played hockey at ELSS! The girls had a team also. Members of the team were, front row, from the left, Sharon Coleman, Mary Ellen Smith, Lyn Williams, Dawn Leitch and Rose Coates. Back Row: Debbie Hastie, coach Mr. Murray James, Gwendy MacKellar, Cathy Armstrong, Barb Wilson, Donna Armstrong, Anita Lehrbass and manager Hedy Van Lieshout.



The Boys' Soccer team enjoyed success. Team members are, front row, from the left, Steve Bayly, Allan Rossignol, John Hanson, Arnold Betzema, Dave MacMillan, Rob Runnals and Doug Mellon. Second row, Arthur Klein, Brad Miner, Rob Ferguson, Paul Vaskor, Jim O'Neil, Bill Brush, Rob Rillet, John Ferguson and Paul Blunt. Back row, coach Robert Glidden, Randy Hills, Jim Mihalik, Jeff Van Eyk and Mike Johnston.

... And More Sports



The badminton team won several competitions through the efforts of team members, front row, from the left, Jeff Edwards, Ken Van Eyk and Tom Britton. Back row, Scott Morningstar, Marilyn Park, Randy Widdup, Susan Morningstar, Keith St. Peter, Heidi Klein, Doug Pullman, Maureen Acton and Brad McCann.



The Track and Field teams always did well in area meets. Members of the team in the late 70's included, front row, from the left, Josie Geerts, Pam Oostenbrink, Kim Lupton and Sheila Corneilissen. Second row, Laura Besse, Marianne Klein, Maureen Acton, Carol Hamilton, Kim Oostenbrink, Joyce Campbell and Terry Dolan. Back row, Ruth Hawkins, Cathy Armstrong, Rose Coates, Diane Barnes, Sherri Klauka, Mary Ann Van Damme, Donna Armstrong, Heidi Klein, Linda Van Damme and coach Mr. Murray James.

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The Girls' Volleyball team won the WOSSAA championship in 1971. Team members were, front row, from the left, Shirley Capes, Ruth Anne Campbell, Lynne Brown and Joy Stiver. Back row, Coach Mrs. Ida Traxler, Susan Smiezt, Patricia Fuller, Holly Hansen and Janet Mansfield.



The 1978 Senior Girls' Basketball team members were, front row, from the left, Beth Park, Ruth Hawkins, Hedy Van Lieshout, Mary Miechels and Dawn Leitch. Back row, Jane Grey, Heidi Klein, Cathy Armstrong, coach Robert Glidden, Ruth Elliott and Rose Coates.

Graduation at WDHS/ELSS is Unique



Howard Brown was valedictorian of the 1978 graduating class. He could always be found talking to girls during his high school years and graduating night was no exception. With Howard are, from the left, Cathy Vince, Bev Edwards, Lyn Williams and Mary Ellen Smith.

Watford District High School/East Lambton Secondary School has a very special tradition at graduation. Instead of the cap and gowns, grade 12 graduating students have always chosen to make graduation unique. The female graduates wear long white dresses and carry arm bouquets of red roses and the male students wear suits and ties with boutonieres. WDHS/ELSS is the only school in the county to have graduates dressed this way. Several times someone has tried to change this tradition but the majority always supports this long standing custom.

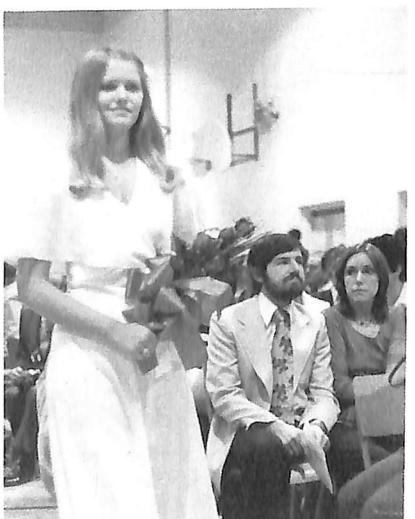
The graduates proceed through the auditorium to the stage for the formal ceremonies and presentation of diplomas takes place. The Glee Club always entertains and a good number of successful graduates have returned to be guest speakers at graduation.

The honour graduates from grade 13 wear traditional clothes and do not go to the stage in procession as the grade 12 graduates do.

Traditionally, the WDHS/ELSS graduation ceremonies honour the grade 12 graduates. It is an unforgettable experience to see a graduation ceremony at Watford District High School/East Lambton Secondary School.



Nancy Sue Swan



Janet Van Loon



Karen Moffit



Laura Edgar



Patti Ann Brown



Graduating Class 1970



Members of the 1970 graduating class were, front row from the left: Carol Lawes, Cathy Lawes, Marg Patterson, Elizabeth Firman, Mary Day, Esther Fehr, Janie McLean, Anne Marie Roberts, Dinnie Scholten, Judy Barnes, Mary Jane Maddock. Second row: Dianne Thomson, Anita Oudman, Marion Janssens, Patty Ann Hollingsworth, Jeanette Smith, Mildred Werden, Annice Houston, Mary Werden, Lynne Brown, Norma Johnston, Lois Kelly, Lois Tait, Grace Bisschop, Dorothy Parker, Joyce Prince, Rick Hollingsworth, Murray Vosbourg. Back Row: Don Thrower, Dale Cundick, Bob Szmiert, Barry Allen, Tom Shea, Alan Fuller, John Vafiades, Ron MacDougall, Ray Melton, Mike Martin, Andy Janicek, Bruce Miner, Bruce Morgan, Dan Moore, Don Shirley, Keith Copeland, Freeman Boyd. Absent: Susan Armstrong, Grant Campbell, Gerrit Deuzeman, Ken Fisher, Mark Van der Wal.

Graduating Class 1971



Members of the 1971 graduating class were, front row, from the left: Barbara Chapman, Dianne Brown, Marillian Cornelissen, Brenda Edwards, Sylvia Beintema, Joy Stover, Pat Fuller, Ruth Campbell, Jane Hollingsworth, Marlene Edwards, Karol Schools. Second Row: Marjorie Cooper, Janet Mansfield, Joanne Hoeksema, Larry Hayter, David McLean, Gordon Henderson, Michael Nenez, Burton McKinlay, Wayne Copeland, Davis Bryans, George Vosbourg, Gary Mitchell, Mac Brown, Steve Janicek, Beth Mansfield, Holly Hanson, Doris Gagnier. Back Row: Bruce Thompson, Gord Burns, Ralph Werden, Jeff Faris, Ramon Venema, Owen Rogers, Bill Richardson, Ken Powell, Jim Gilroy, Larry Morris, Richard Janes, Earl Morwood, Garry Parsons, Ken Peters, Doug Smith.

Graduating Class 1972



Members of the 1972 graduating class were, front row from the left: Sharon Edwards, Katie Van Gorp, Willie Van Kessel, Mary Van Lieshout, Mary Patterson, Susan Douglas, Barb Reycraft, Evelyn Davis, Pauline Lebert, Anne Marie Slegers, Annette Verboort. Second Row: Marianne Fehr, Lynne Ann Lane, Linda Sitzlington, Kathy Leitch, Dianne MacDougall, Joy Fisher, Joan Williams, Nancy Swan, Anne Marie Gentleman, Barb Richardson, Helen Lassaline, Jane Campbell, Connie King, Beth Leitch, Marianne Adams. Third Row: Patti Anne Brown, Charlene Muxlow, Arlene Lougheed, Donna Redmond, Corrie Van Loon, Karen Prince, Cathy Morningstar, Lucy Rombouts, Barb McLean, Shirley Capes, Barb Jackson, Susan Szmiett, Ruth Anderson, Denise Hargreaves, Diane Park. Fourth Row: Bill Shea, Don Brown, Brian Annett, Alan Swartz, Brian Mitchell, John Smith, Shane Rhodes, Ken Wilson, Gary Ryan, Ivan Bryce. Back Row: Tom Neill, Neil Walker, Alex Gray, Ken Patterson, Terry Neill, Brian Lehrbass, Mark Williams, Ken Shea, Ed Tait, Dave White, Kevin Swan, Jon Lambert.

Graduating Class 1973



Members of the 1973 graduating class were, front row from the left: Brenda Wilson, Florence Pennell, Joan Moffatt, Jenny DeKoning, Sandra Allen, Brenda Stephenson, Dianne Smith, Dawn Cundick, Jackie Parker, Deanna Capes, Carol Gentleman, Annette Lockner. Second Row: Kathy Holbrook, Jo-ann Schoots, Mary Jansen, Lenore Gray, Merry Swartz, Janie Morgan, Mary Campbell, Karen Fuller, Pat Giles, Mary Margaret O'Neil, Theresa Beintema, Aster Vaskor, Laurie Toffelmire, Cathy Slegers, Ian McVicar. Third Row: Don Gilroy, Darlene Westgate, Marilyn Leitch, Liz Gilliland, Marg Lightfoot, Anne McDermid, Ruth Williams, Brenda Trigger, Joan Auld, Jeanne Fisher, Debbie Myers, Marilyn Park, Joan McKinlay, Mary Lyn Hay, Alice Bisschop. Back Row: Doug Whitson, Tony Hogervorst, Mike Henderson, Alex MacDougall, Peter Michels, Rick Drown, Dave Faris, Don Burns, John Muirhead, Steve Brown, David Hall, Kevin Bryson, Steve Morris, Eric Fuller, Joe McCormick, Peter Mucha, Doug Ferguson, Arnie Black. Absent: Linda Abras, Cedric Bowers, Gerald Campbell, Mary Anna Hawkins, Fran Van Dinther, Gert Van Dinther, Martin Watson.

Graduating Class 1974



Members of the 1974 graduating class were, front row, from the left: Janice Robinson, Helen Maddock, Connie Moore, Mary Elliott, Joanne DeKoning, Lee Ann Cundick, Brenda Smale, Mary-Ann Vandeschoot, Barb Edwards, Lori Patterson, Audrey Wilcocks, Geraldine Lambert, Ruth Hollingsworth, Nancy Lehrbass. Second Row: Gwen Gray, Joyce Janssens, Edna Pavey, Sandra Campbell, Marilyn Hardacre, Marilyn Smith, Mary Ellen King, Mary Janes, Jennifer Aitkens, Erna Cornelisson, Linda Tryon, Linda Houston, Wanda Burns, Mary Ellen Wiley, Joanne Cable, Irene Misek, Donna Mellon, Lillian Stefanik. Third Row: Marilyn Lane, Julia Werden, Darlene Swan, Donna MacDougall, Gloria Whitson, Barb Williams, Cathy Campbell, Donelda Muxlow, Laura Edgar, Betty Fisher, Cheryl Armstrong, Robin Hollingsworth, Bernie Van Loon, Lori Graham, Susan Acton, Nora Vosbourg, Mary-Joyce Braekevelt. Back Row: Randy Brown, Durell Wiley, Phil Chapman, Brent McKellar, Graham Nesbitt, Mac McAlpine, Fred Bork, John Munro, Al Brown, Ian Lehrbass, Steve Hollingsworth, Paul Hawkins, Rick Lucan, John Sammon, Randy Lovell, Pete Brown, Dave Bryce, Rick Sitlington, John Downie. Absent: Greg Wallis, Pat Blunt, Cathy Copley, Dawn Dickieson, Colleen Ikert.

Graduating Class 1975



Members of the 1975 graduating class included, front row, from the left: Janice White, Paula Wilcox, Brenda Mitchell, Patsy Gagnier, Carol Moore, Shirley Jones, Dianna Lambe, Joanne Donkers, Irene Bisschop, Bonnie Acton, Debbie Bryce, Mary Anne Brennan, Anna Watson, Debbie Bryson. Second Row: Brenda Bryson, Patsy Hogervorst, Josie Verhoeven, Janet Leitch, Christine Misek, Sue Betzema, Vickie Morris, Karen Moffit, Debbie Duncan, Chris Bernardelli, Gail Thrower, Irene Peters, Marj Van Haaren, Nancy Aarts, Kim Hall, Joanne Verboort. Third Row: Debbie Caley, Betty Totten, Vivian Venema, Catherine Fuller, Jim Vanderburgt, Paul Mucha, Victor Nemcek, Doug MacDougall, Paul Martin, Rick Richardson, Jim Vafiades, Nancy Van Gorp, Cathy Jackson, Bonnie Bryson, Jane Pullman, Marjorie Lane. Back Row: Don McAlpine, Wayne Morris, Ian Patterson, Mike Vansevenant, Scott Macaulay, Wayne Johnston, Vern Little, Tim Coleman, Kevin Dodge, Ross Haagsma, Bryan Aitken, Gus Pasut, Tom Parks, Ray McDermaid, John Annett, Rob Annett.

Graduating Class 1976



Members of the 1976 graduating class included, front row, from the left: Janet Bergsma, Brenda Wilcox, Sharon Gilroy, Janice Edgar, Mary Jane Nemcek, Ruth Haagsma, Laura Van Loon, Sally Parker, Vangie Ikert, Darlene Swartz, Sandra Lambert, Karen Wilson, Pat Morris, Gayle Lehrbass, Pam Morningstar. Second Row: Sherry Hollingsworth, Amy Goudreau, Lynda Bilton, Chris De Bruyne, Lori Campbell, Deanna Elliott, Kathy Brown, Julie Podolinsky, Marianne Janicek, Cheryl McEwen, Kathy Lunn, Donna Spalding, Carol Watt, Nancy Britton. Back Row: Debbie Moore, Shelley Hollingsworth, Mike Vosburgh, Vince Lebert, Bob Coates, Robert Pehlke, Frank Hogervorst, Jeff Szmiett, David Martin, Jim Shea, Pete Van Haaren, Chris Moorehouse, Jeff Wiwcharuk, Scott McKellar, Ron Copeland, John Van Lieshout, Paul Byers, Mary DeKoning, Cecilia Morgan.

Graduating Class 1977



Members of the 1977 graduating class included, front row from the left: Trudy Goudreau, Janey Van Loon, Marg Bergsma, Jane Gray, Beth Graham, Yvonne Timmermans, Marg Van den Heuvel, Dianne Verboort, Sandra Spitzig, Diane Van Damme, Sheri MacRae, Janice Aitken, Janet Acton, Mary Ann Michalek. Second Row: Nancy Sue Swan, Ruth Elliott, Dawn Leitch, Joan Gilliland, Mary Jo Hollingsworth, Karen Williams, Doreen Collins, Marilyn Williams, Darlene Brown, Helen Campbell, Rita Peters, Celeste Lebert, Joanne Macauley, Anne Lehrbass. Third Row: Judy McAlpine, Sherry DeJonge, Geri-Kay Ryan, Mary Ann Straatman, Karen Campbell, Sandra Eves, Betty DeKoning, Nancy Van Kessel, Irka Oostenbrink, Anita Van Dreumel, Mary Ann Coleman, Janice Patterson, Theresa Wallis, Anne Marie Van Haaren, Josie Nenez. Back Row: Ron Van Damme, Michael Adams, John Auld, Tim Kelly, Donald Jones, John Thompson, Brian Faris, Jim Wilson, Philip Blunt, Marcy Lougheed, Mark Vince.

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Graduating Class 1978



Members of the 1978 graduating class included, from the left: Cindy Rilett, Bev Edwards, Deb Hastie, Gwen Cross, Ruth Ann Keys, Cathy Armstrong, Monica Adams, Debbie Van Loon, Freda Feddema, Diane Vossen, Helen Mucha, Mary Migchels, Jan Wereley, Mary Lou Pehlke. Second Row: Patti Borrowman, Diane Morgan, Jessica Jans, Brenda Edwards, Janice Johnston, Susan MacLachlan, Judy Mellon, Charlene Wilson, Hazel Huffman, Chandra Wilson, Karen Betzema, Cathy Vince, Norma Maddock. Third Row: Janet Kucera, Marg Misek, Wendy Morningstar, Hedy Van Lieshout, Mary Ellen Smith, Lyn Williams, Sharon Coleman, Darlene Brown, Lucy Verhoeven, Penny Duncan, Rose Coates, Cathy Reid, Karen Pengilley. Fourth Row: Wayne DeJonge, Ben Hogervorst, Brendan Morgan, Howard Brown, David Lumley, Dave Blunt, John Brennan, Joe Van Haaren, Eric Johnston, Bill Swan, Ron Hills, Ken Gray. Back Row: Greg Dudley, Paul Reid, Ray Vandongen, Mike Williams, Rob Widdup, John Rennison, Gino Lavallee, Wilbert Zavitz, Doug Werden, Greg Playfoot, Tony Slegers, Don Campbell, Mike Chalupka.

Graduating Class 1979



Members of the graduating class included, front row, from the left: Mary Lou Van Damme, Leslie Roe, Michelle Schools, Jennifer Handy, Angela Nemcek, Donna Aitken, Karen Bryce, Michele Sylvester, Tilda Beintema, Bonnie Clark, Maxine Pehlke, Janice Copeland. Second Row: Marg Keyes, Betty Van Kessel, Lynn Rennison, Laurie Williams, Barb Wilson, Sandra Vosbourg, Gwendy McKellar, Marg Wallis, Anita Lehrbass, Colleen Dodge, Brenda Lambert, Heidi Klein, Karen Sington, Beth Park, Mary Anne Watt. Third Row: Susan Ferguson, Marg Garside, Brenda Blain, Mary Geerts. Fourth Row: Vicki Ferguson, Sheila Cornelissen, Nancy De Koning, Lori Higgins, Mary Aarts, Patsy Verhoeven, Lorrie Sutherland, Ruth Hawkins, Judy Swartz, Beth Hanson, Vicki Parker, Trudy Brown, Kathy Kucera, Dale Gardner, Charlene Sisson. Back Row: Doug Sharpe, Ron Downie, Barry Verboort, Wayne Lambrecht, Matt Goldhawk, Frank Janicek, Tim Morgan, Craig Walker, Curtis Bryce, Perry Orrange, Dana Carter, Brian Peaslee, Robert Parker, Mark Lochner, Henry Recker, Don McCabe, John Smith.

A Look at the Past

Do you remember when . . .

- Bob Wilson was elected president of the Bob Glidden Fan Club and had to resign because he couldn't sell any memberships?
- when students shared their classroom in the basement of Centennial Hall with a family of mice while the new addition was being completed?
- the grade 13 lounge was like a shrine to the younger students?
- all the fuss when the grade 13 lounge was turned into an art room?
- Dawn Leitch and Trudy Goudreau got into a fight over Jim Lightfoot?
- Miss Burley's purse was "accidentally" knocked over in class by Howard Brown and a flat glass container that usually has a liquid refreshment in it fell to the floor? Miss Burley never did discover who planted that bottle in her purse.
- the grade 9's always had to locker downstairs.
- John Van Dinther had to paint some more clothes on the controversial Warrior he painted on the wall of the gym? Dianne Hollingsworth painted the mate.
- Mr. Gray took students on a field trip to the Science Centre in Toronto and on the way home he discovered that he had left Brad Berdan behind?
- Mr. Watson fell through the attic floor of the old school? His legs were hanging from the ceiling in room 3 where Mr. Gilroy was teaching and the plaster fell on the students?
- there was a bomb scare? Mr. James and a few of the teachers and a detective from Petrolia went up into the attic to check it out, but they soon left when the bats began to fly.
- the time Mr. Watson got a little too exuberant while coaching the relay team in Strathroy? He ran out onto the track to cheer the runners on and the team was disqualified.
- Ken McCallum mysteriously ended up in the garbage can all the time?
- Kevin Dodge and Jim Vafiades turned the Bluebird Restaurant into a grade 13 study hall most week nights?
- the fire alarm went off in the middle of the grade 12 Fashion Show? Little Mackie Graham had pulled the switch while his mother was holding him and talking to someone else. Michele Sylvester came to the rescue and shouted, "There are two fire exits, one to your left and one to your right as she pointed to the doors.
- that tin foil rocket in the middle of the gym for the Prom? Dry ice was supposed to give the rocket a realistic look, but the dry ice didn't work and the rocket looked ridiculous. It worked great when the committee tried it the night before.
- Wilbert Zavitz sat on the poopoo cushion when he was the judge in Trial By Jury? It made a very embarrassing noise. Wouldn't you know that it would be dead silence as Wilbert mounted the stage to sit on his judge's chair with the cushion hidden in it?
- Mrs. Vosbourg knew ALL the answers to any question when you went into the office.
- there was not only a girls' glee club in 1970 but a boys' glee club as well?
- Judy McAlpine, Jane Beaton, Lyn Williams,

Theresa Wallis, Jane Gray and Ruth Elliott sang Somewhere A Child Is Singing at the 1976 Commencement?

- Education Minister William Davis visited the school in June, 1970 to discuss the much needed school repairs?
- Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Beaton got together to produce all kinds of great productions such as Scrooge, Our Town, Trial By Jury, Ann of Green Gables, David and Lisa and many more? Mr. Gilroy threatened to lock Bob Rillet in the back of the closet if he didn't quit talking in class?
- the Minister of Education, Tom Wells, spoke at the official opening of the new addition in 1974?
- it was hard to tell Danny and Darcy Muxlow apart until you were in the same class with them?
- love bloomed in the grade 13 class in 1976? Kim Williams and Kevin Dodge and Pat Hogervorst and Jim Vafiades were two of the many couples who eventually married after being in the same class at WDHS/ELSS?
- Doug and Nancy Campbell won the new car offered in the Back The Track draw?
- the magnificent seven went to the OFSSA meet? Anita Lehrbass, Cathy Armstrong, Marg Wallis, Heidi Klein, Sherri Klauka, Rose Coates and Donna Armstrong represented the school at the Ontario track meet.
- East Lambton took all the typing awards in the county? Dianne Van Damme and Sherri Main won the Novice pairs. Charlene Sisson and Brenda Blain won the Junior pairs. Jessica Jans and Brenda Edwards won the Senior Pairs. Sherry Main won first place in Novice. Brenda Blain won first place in Juniors and Jessica won first in the Seniors.
- Sheri Klauka won the All Ontario gold medal in the midget long jump with her 5:46m jump? That is almost 18 feet!
- 22 students rocked 12 hours straight to raise \$679 for the yearbook?
- Anne of Green Gables raised \$300 from their production?
- the new uniforms for the cheerleaders finally arrived? They waited six months for them.
- the fantastic tales Steve Hollingsworth, Mac MacAlpine and Phil Chapman told when they wrote their own excuse notes in grade 13? The one about meeting a pink elephant on the way to school had to be the highlight for those little ditties composed by this group of 18 year old "mature" students. They had lots of fun coming up with these absurd excuses for their absence from classes.
- pretending to be in grade 10 so you wouldn't have to go through those terrible initiations?
- trying to talk French to the visiting students from Nicolet? Those who didn't take French used a lot of body and sign language to communicate.
- going on crop tours? Just about every student in the 70's went on at least ONE crop tour during their years at high school.
- preparing for the grade 13 fashion show? This was a big event and the students modelled their own creations they had made in Home Ec. classes under the watchful eye of Mrs. Gilliland.
- going into grade 9 thinking you were so mature? It was a shock to most to find they were just a little fish again in a great big pond.
- thinking how mature you were when you finally got to grade 12?
- looking forward to Fr. Leon Boisvert's visit every year? Leon brought about two dozen students from Nicolet, Quebec for an exchange and Mrs. Annalee Kerr arranged for grade 11 French students here to return to Quebec for a week. There were always a lot of activities during the exchange.
- the name of the school finally went up over the front door four years after the new addition was completed?
- the girls hockey team played in the Watford Arena? The goalie, Lyn Williams, cried when they won, cried when they lost and cried when they tied.
- when Karen Moffit gave her shoe to a returning French Exchange boy at the train station and she had to walk back to school through the snow?
- Warrior Awards were started to recognize outstanding students at ELSS?
- selling chocolate bars? Some were consumed by the sellers and then they had to cough up the money for the ones they ate.
- trying to get to the sick room first when you hadn't studied for a test? If you got there first, you got a bed.
- you wondered how Mr. Glidden got the nickname "Scrub"?
- the day Sam Copeland found a new way to exit the school?
- thinking it was a big deal to get into double digits on the scoreboard in basketball games with other schools?
- the Theatre Arts class presented a banquet in Mime? It turned into a food fight and produced lots of laughs!
- Kathy Butt and Cheryl Toffelmire decorated that pathetic Christmas tree during the Christmas Assembly? It looked more like a Charlie Brown tree.
- a tragic accident took the lives of Brenda Miller and Bonnie Betzema just as the decade ended? The same accident eventually took the life of Rodney Henderson and resulted in permanent injuries to Chris Coleman. Arnold Betzema and Gord Haskell received minor injuries. It affected the entire student body.
- The Christmas assembly in 1979 when the royal subjects threw their dinner at the queen played by Jill Williams? Another problem developed during the scene when one of Jill's balloons popped giving her a rather lopsided appearance.
- Sheri Klauka set the 100 M record for midget girls at the LSSAA in 1978? Sheri ran it in 12.8. The record lasted until 1990 when another ELSS student, Melissa Westgate, broke the record with 12.7 (Sheri still holds the long jump record at WOSSA).
- Mr. McDonald married one of his former students?
- the good times everyone had at the "smallest secondary school in the county"? It was one big happy family!

1980-1991



These Are The Eighties

The decade of the eighties had a tumultuous beginning when students faced losing a year of school due to the teacher's strike in the spring of 1980. Fortunately this was resolved in time to face a new assault on East Lambton, when the very existence of our school was threatened. Thanks to overwhelming support from members of the community, staff, and students alike, E.L.S.S. survived. With the future of the school now secure, attention was turned to the completion of the new track and sports complex. This addition to the school and the community has proved its worthiness many times over for events such as the Warrior Invitational Track and Field meet, the Watford Road Race, and many other events, sports and otherwise.

The early eighties had the most dramatic happenings, but in the last half of the decade, new programs such as MOGA Madness, Career Day, Warrior Olympics, School Intermurals, Kiss the Pig/Cow day, The Great Ride Against Cancer, and Dance For Heart, and many others to numerous to mention, were introduced to raise school spirit. Several musicals, and many plays and presentations took place during the eighties, a few of which may be remembered in the following pages. Also, for a school with a population of not much more than three hundred at any given time, East Lambton has always managed to put up a terrific effort, and often coming up on top, in County events such as volleyball, soccer, and track and field. On the flip side, East Lambton has participated in many academic events as well, such as the physics olympics, and School Reach (Reach For The Top). Many individual members of the school have performed amazing feats of strength, talent, and intelligence, making East Lambton a formidable opponent in any event we participate in.

The following is our interpretation of the eighties, and as you look through the pages, we hope they bring back many fond memories of occurrences, and friendships from the eighties and the present.



As part of grade nine initiation at E.L.S.S. in 1980, the boys dressed as girls and the girls dressed as boys. Four of the top dressed included, from the left, Jill Runnalls, Scott Searson, John Kerr, and David Bryson. Each "minor niner" paraded across the stage during an assembly and gave their name and former school. The day helped to make the grade nine class feel at home.



This group of students took place in the first and only Watford Road Race Relay Team. The students each ran a kilometer of the sixteen kilometer race. They took part in the road race as part of the Canada's Fitweek, an event in which high schools across the country participate in fitness programs organized by their schools. The students are, from the left and back, Neil Humphry, Lance Bryenton, Mark Elloit, Jason Hinton, Wayne Sanders, Bob Bork, Steve Nieuwenhuizen, Jeff Leyten, Sam Cameron, Mike Couwenberg, Dave Clements, Ron Boere, Mike Hoeksema, Karen Boere, (holding the flag are:) Suzanne Jansen, Linda Sanders, and Susan Hoeksema.

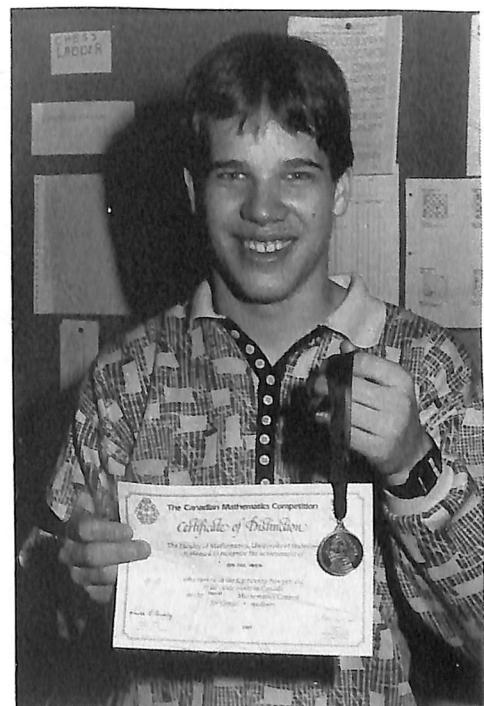
Tom James, Mr. Bob Glidden, Neil Humphrey and Scott McDonald (absent, Mrs. Shirley Gilliland) stand holding the trophies they received in 1982, for placing first in South-Western Ontario in the Bell Canada/University of Waterloo Stock Market Competition. Groups who took part were given "\$100 000" to trade stocks on the Toronto Stock Exchange and whoever made the most profit was the winner.



This group of "pigs" are really the teachers who agreed to be participants in the first annual MOGA Madness event at E.L.S.S. MOGA Madness stands of Most Outrageous Group Activity. MOGA Madness first started at East Lambton in 1987. The purpose of MOGA Madness is to get members of your school involved in a crazy event that everyone can do at the same time. MOGA Madness is part of Canada's Fitweek, and the prize for the winner is the treasured Pink Sneaker, the symbol of Canada's Fitweek. The "pigs" are, starting in the front left corner: Ida Burley, Patricia Wright, Evelyn Gaborko, Joan Munro, Jeff Allen, Jim Hillier, Robert Watson, and Alex McDonald.



OPP Const. Jack Stirling was one of the 34 persons taking part in the Career Day at East Lambton in 1987. Const. Stirling explained some of the duties he performs as a policeman to these grade 12 students at E.L.S.S. They are, from the left: Hazel Carleton, Su Dolbear, Nancy Nieuwenhuizen, Cherie Vince, and Jane Williams. Career Day was planned to give students from East Lambton and the feeder schools, Warwick, Brooke, Watford Public, St. Peter Canisius, Euphemia, and Ambassador Christian, an idea of the requirements, advantages, opportunities and rewards of various occupations the students may be considering following in the future.



John Paul Vrolyk stands holding the medal he received for placing first in the school in the grade nine Pascal Math Contest in 1989. In 1990, John Paul wrote the grade ten Cayley Math Contest and placed first in Ontario, and third in Canada.

Teaching, Secretarial, and Custodial Staff

1980-81:

Mr. M. E. Edgar, Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Shirley Gilliland, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Miss Elizabeth Hargrove, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mr. John McCormick, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mr. Robert Seller, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. Robert Watson, Mr. Gord Whiting, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Rose Willer.

1981-82:

Mr. M. E. Edgar, Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Shirley Gilliland, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Mr. Holmes, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs. Lennon, Mr. John McCormick, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. Robert Watson, Mr. Gord Whiting, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Rose Willer.

1982-83:



Doug Turner, Aggie St. Peter, Bill Jenkins, and Maggie Maxwell.

Mr. M. E. Edgar (Sept.-Dec. '82), Mr. E. F. McCaffery (Jan.-June '83), Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Shirley Gilliland, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Miss Elizabeth Hargrove, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr. John McCormick, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Zimmersmans, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr.

Robert Watson, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Rose Willer, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Synda Lockyer, Mrs. Vosbourg.

1983-84:

Mr. E. F. McCaffery, Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Shirley Gilliland, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Miss Libby Hargrove, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mr. Dale Leckie, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mrs. Rosanna Tripp, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr. Robert Watson, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Rose Willer, Synda Lockyer, Linda Giancarlo.

1984-85:

Mr. E. F. McCaffery, Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mrs. Evelyn Gaborko, Mrs. Shirley Gilliland, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Mr. James Hilleir, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Murray James, Mr. Tom Kendall, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr. Robert Watson, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Mrs. Lynda Hicks, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Synda Lockyer, Tammie Sertic.

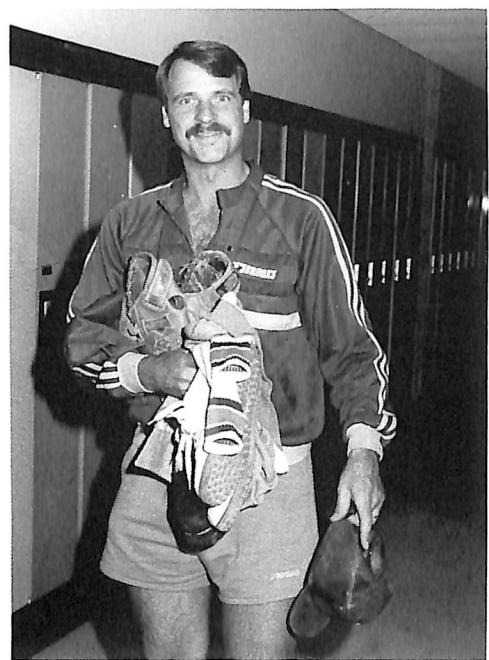
1985-86:

Mrs. Fran McLean, Mr. Jeff Allen, Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mrs. Evelyn Gaborko-Potts, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Mrs. Chris Gordon, Mr. James Hillier, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Alex

Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs. Shirley King, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr. Robert Watson, Mr. Robertson, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Synda Lockyer, Tammy Sertic.

1986-87:

Mrs. Fran McLean, Mr. Jeff Allen, Mr. John Beaton, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mrs. Evelyn Gaborko-Potts, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Mr. James Hillier, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs. Shirley King, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr.



Jeff Allen



Elizabeth and John Condos.

Alex McDonald, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr. Robert Watson, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Synda Lockyer.

1987-88:

Mrs. Fran McLean, Mr. Jeff Allen, Miss Ida Burley, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mr. Dan DeVries, Ms. Evelyn Gaborko, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Mr. James Hillier, Mr. Alex Houston, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs.

Shirley King, Mrs. Dianne Luppke, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mr. Wolf Mendritzki, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr. Robert Watson, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Doug Turner, Synda Lockyer, Lorie Vandeschoot.

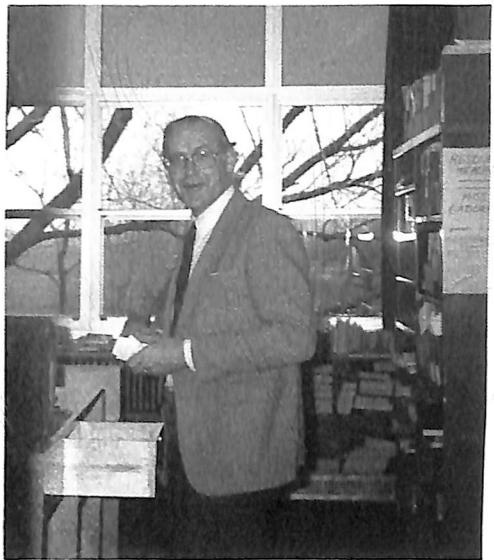
1988-89:

Mr. Robert Dell, Miss Ann Bueschleb, Miss Ida Burley, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mr. John Condos, Ms. Evelyn Gaborko, Mr. Rod Len, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mr. Don Goodale, Mr. James Hillier, Mr. William Hopkins, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs. Shirley King, Mr. Stan Martin, Mr. Wolf Mendritzki, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mr. William Scott, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr.

Robert Watson, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Mrs. Dianne Luppke, Bill Jenkins, Maggie Maxwell, Aggie St. Peter, Dawn Thompson, Doug Turner, Synda Lockyer, Lorie Vandeschoot, Brenda Judge.

1989-90:

Mr. Robert Dell, Mr. Jeff Allen, Miss Ann Bueschleb, Miss Ida Burley, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mr. John Condos, Ms. Evelyn Gaborko, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mrs. Chris Gordon, Mr. James Hillier, Mr. William Hopkins, Mrs. Annalee Kerr, Mrs. Shirley King, Mr. Lickers, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mr. William Scott, Mrs. Snelgrove, Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mr. Mike Rumleski, Mr. William Vandongen, Mr. Robert Watson,



John Beaton

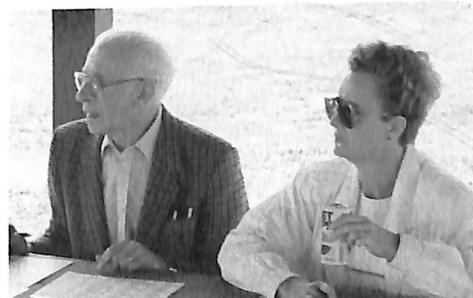
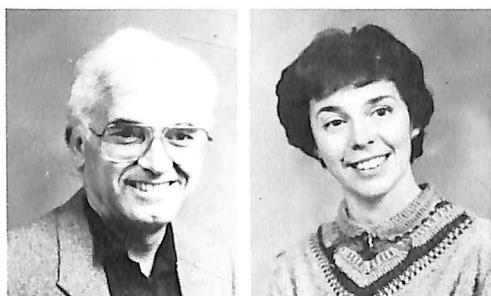


Patricia Wright

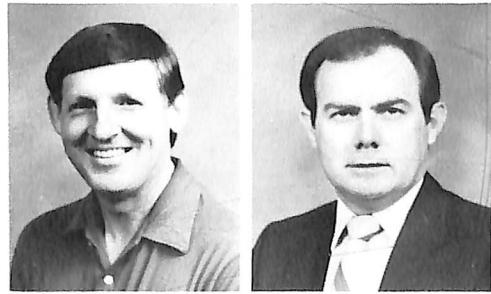


Ida Traxler

Mrs. Ida Traxler, Mrs. Gayle Blenkhorn, Mrs. Patricia Wright, Bill Jenkins, Aggie St. Peter, Dawn Thompson, Synda Lockyer, Lorie Vandeschoot, Jean Blain, Debbie Gilchrist.



Don Goodale, Shirley King.



Alex Houston, Annalee Kerr, Robert Glidden, Alex McDonald.

Mrs. Patricia Wright, Mrs. Dianne Luppke, Bill Jenkins, Aggie St. Peter, Dawn Thompson, Synda Lockyer, Lorie Vandeschoot, Debbie Gilchrist.

1990-91:

Mr. Robert Dell, Miss Ann Bueschleb, Miss Ida Burley, Mrs. Elizabeth Condos, Mr. John Condos, Mrs. Helen Danby, Ms. Evelyn Gaborko, Mr. Rod Glen, Mr. Robert Glidden, Mrs. Chris Gordon, Mr. James Hillier, Mr. William Hopkins, Mr. Murray James, Mrs. Shirley King, Mr. Alex McDonald, Mr. Wolf Mendritzki, Mrs. Joan Munro, Mr. Mike Rumleski, Mr. William Scott, Miss Eva Sipple,



Murray James, Robert Watson, Joan Munro.

School Plays And Productions

Watford Secondary has had a rich history of theatrical productions, which have always been successful in the community. The following pictures are taken from the actual presentations.

I Remember Mama



Cast and Crew:

Back Row, Left to Right: Greg Vansteenkiste, Cheryl Toffelmire, Kathy Butt, Vicki Hill, Glen Cook, Laurie Minielly, Margaret Gray, Terry-Lynn Ryan, Lorne Acton, Vicki Johnston, Ramona VanDiepen. Second Row: Randy Hayark, Ted Beaton, Maureen Acton, Niola Parker, Jill Cook, Doris Edgar, Alison Swartz, Debby Hill, Pam Oostenbrink, Joe VanDinther, Don Goodale. Front Row: Kevin Morris. Absent: Mary Geerts, Marianne Klein.



L'il Abner

L'il Abner was presented at the end of April for two consecutive nights. Approximately eighty students participated in the play, making it a real success.

Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Beaton put many hours of preparation, and directing into the play. Mr. Goodale did a fine job with the make-up. All in all, it turned out to be one of the best musical productions Watford Secondary put on.

Cast and Crew:

Ken Sanders, Sandra Mitchell, Diane Vanderburgt, Jim Quenneville, Lorne Acton, John Kerr, Scott Mansfield, Tim Fitzpatrick, Rob Runnalls, Paul Wammes, Anne Marie Ophof, Tracy

Cross, John Hollingsworth, Joe VanDinter, Karel Fehr, Mike Hollingsworth, Scott Searson, John Straatman, Ray Pavay, Dave Sanders, Bill Kerr, Tracey Jenkins, Mike Kidd, Ray Pavay, John Janicek, John Ferguson, Allan Rossignol, Petra Wester, Doug Mellon, Darcy Wright, Beatriz Caruso, Kathy Podolinsky, Rhonda Johnston, Corinna Hoefnagels, Jackie MacLachlan, Sheri Triest, Darcy Rolston, Don Bork, Geoff Hume, John Veens, Rob Veeke, Jim Mihalik, Bill Brush, Greg Nemcek, Rob Robs, Ted Beaton, Margaret Beaton, Katherine Atwell, Mandy Griffith, Wilma Vanderhoek, Shirley Humphrey, Nancy Vince, Connie Geerts, Joe Triest, Nancy Rich, Lisa McKellar, Tricia Downie, Scott McDonald, Anne Douglas, Laurie Duncan, Kelli Everitt, Lisa

Farr, Kary Jenkins, Laura Livesey, Sandee McAlpine, Angela Migchels, John Ostrander, Andrea Smith, Keri Sterling, Laura Straatman, Tim Szmiett, Tom Tessier, Patsy VanDiepen, Willy-Ann Wester, Ann Williams, Kelly Dundas, John Griffith, Kevin Morwood, Bob Fisher, John Hoefnagels, Sam Wallis, Sandra James, Siane Molzen, Shelley Gilliland, Lisa Pullman, Rita Sanders, Alida Vanden Ouveland, Jolene VanEyk, Beth Coleman, Jacquie Forget, Sandy Green, Pattie Greenwood, Norma Lehrbass, Dolleen Manning, Diane Munro, Charlene Rilett, Kathy Rumleski, Jacki Shea, Shannon Walker, Colleen Gillies, Rhonda Gillies, Tony Phillips, Rick Shelley, Ron VanErp, Janet Downie, Barb Johnston, Susan Patterson.



Barnum

In a flamboyant career that lasted half a century, Phineas Taylor Barnum established himself as the most innovative and celebrated showman ever to flourish in America. It was Barnum who popularized for mass audiences such amusements as the public museum, the musical concert, and the three-ring circus. In doing so, he created techniques of presentation and publicity in vaudeville, motion pictures, and television variety shows of the 20th century. When he died, The Times of London echoed the press of the world in its final tribute.

He created the metier of showman on a grandiose scale . . .

He early realized that essential feature of modern democracy, its readiness to be led to what will amuse and instruct it . . .

His name is a proverb already, and a proverb it will continue.

“There is a sucker born every minute.”

Cast and Crew:

Michael Hoeksema, Nancy Vince, Sheri Triest, Neil Humphrey, Mark Van Driel, Andrea Smith, Petra Wester, Tom James, Bill Kerr, Mike Rumleski, Wayne Sanders, John Hollingsworth, Judy Wil-

loughby, Steve Joris, Kelly Dundas, Simon Smith, Steve Sanders, Nicola Ripley, Susan Hoeksema, Eric Bryce, Doug Dolbear, Frank Dorman, Tony Phillips, Janet Elliott, Keri Sterling, Sean Bell, Kevin Moran, Julie Cameron, Kim Jones, Cathy Quenneville, Teresa Willemse, Corina Williamson, Mary Moffatt, Chris Armstrong, Brad Mansfield, John Joyce, Marty Swan, Nancy Rombouts, Monique Sanders, Marcia Smith, Cathy Vanderburgh, Tina Watson, Laurie Hume, Jamie Feddema, John Griffith, Jeff Leyten, Steve McCabe, Ray Pavey, Mike Rops, Terry Arnold, Bonnie Clements, Lori James, Kary Jenkins, Laura Livesey, Lisa Pullman, Kym Topping, Stuart Gates, Brent McEachern, Cherie Vince, Warren Faulds, Steve Gosden, Darren Munro, Geraldine Beintema, Lynn Davis, Kim Firth, Karen Geerts, Michelle Sanders, Penny Shea, Cheryl Strevel, Tammy Tessier, Shelley Verberne, Anne Douglas, Hazel Carlton, Teresa Minten, Rhonda Perry, Sandie Playfoot, David Rossignol, Rita Sanders, Dianna Scott, Judy Smith, Beth Fisher.



The Sound of Music



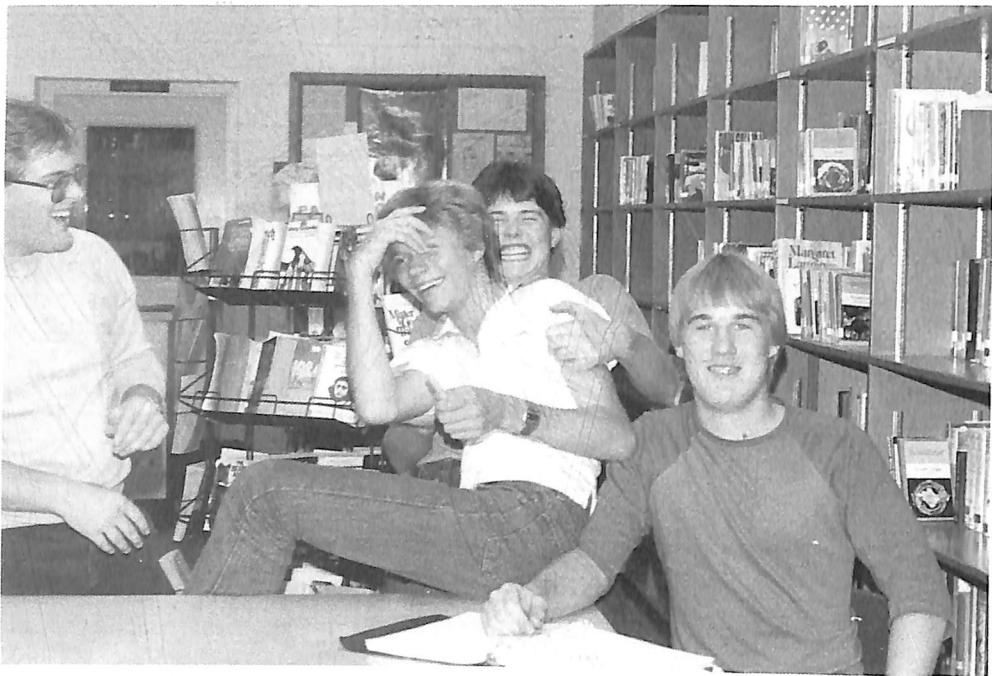
Cast and Crew:

Lisa Alderman, Kari Arnold, Jenny Allen, Anita Boot, Karrie Coleman, Dana Cini, Cindy Downie, Suzy Elliott, Kelly Brady, Michelle Janssens, Nicki Lehrbass, Julie Morgan, Jenny Shaw, Sarah Pace, Janette Strick, Ann Marie White, Andrea Burk, Kelly Muxlow, Susan Hoeksema, Dawn Muxlow, Monique Sanders, Lori Jenkins, Ron Boere, Mark Elliott, Brian App, Sandra Straatman, Pat Hayter, Deanna Muxlow, Pam Cameron, Heather Ruth, Todd White, Cathie Lasell, Rob Wester, Garry McLaclan, Corry Rombouts, Joe Rombouts, Jason Hinton, Mackie Rombouts, Scott Burchill, Jamie Leyten, Sandy Holid, Jeff Fuller, Shawn Redick, Janice Wranich, Becky Ryerson, Greg Hollingsworth, Jamie Meuwissen, Chad Hayter, Rick Verhoeven, Andy Sanders, Mark Willemse, John Van Gorp, Todd Cable, Rob Pullman, Jason Floyd, Brent Clements, Nikki Lightfoot, Mike Steadman, Les Douglas, Stacey Butterly, Jenny Rombouts, Julie Rombouts, Laura Ferwerda, Rev. Rob Towler, Mrs. Renee Burk, Mrs. Anne Jenkins, Mrs. Elizabeth Muxlow, Mrs. Helen Ferguson, Wayne Hayward, Warren Higgins, Kurt Sawyer, Rob MacLachlan, Russ Lloyd, Mary Lou Brady, Rick Brown, Mark Sanders, Miss Eva Sipple, Mrs. Annalee Kerr.



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Faces From The Past



Left to right: Paul Holod, Ken Rops, Dan Duncan, and Rick Bebingh.



Left to right: Kevin Moran, Keri Sterling, Karye Jenkins, Albert Rombouts, Julie Cameron, Mike Rops, Brian Boere, Marcia Smith.



Back Row, left to right: Bob Glidden, Jackie Van Dreumel, Marian Boer, Jenny Hanson, Jackie Forget, Petra Wester, Nancy Geerts, Ann Williams. Front Row: Rita Sanders, Maureen Milner, Julie Thomson, Kathy Rumleski, Charleen Hollingsworth, Anita Minielly, Norma Lehrbass.

Upper Left, left to right: John Sinclair, Greg McEachern, Brad McVicar, Steve Joris, Phil Ikert.

Lower Left: Marty VanKessel, Eric Bryce, Bill Kerr, Dan Eastabook.





Technicians for *A Christmas Carol*. Left to right, back row: Darren Munro, Mike Rumleski, Chris Armstrong, Tim Goldhawk, Geoff Hume. Front Row: Brent McEachern, Mike Rops, Scott Preece, Kelly Dundas, John Griffith, Steve Gosden, John Couwenberg.



Jim Quenneville, Diane Molzan.



Above: Gary MacLachlan, Mike Johnston, Paulette Williamson, Les Douglas, Chris Cran, Julie Acton, Bob Bork.



Teresa Minten and Nancy Nieuwenhuizen.



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Track And Field

Girl's Track Records

1981

Beatrice Cornelissen 3000m 12:30:5
Junior

Kathy Heath 3000m 12:57:6 Senior

1982

Julie Thompson 800m 2:33:4 Junior

Julie Thompson 1500m 5:21:4 Junior

Lynda Moore 400m 67.4s Senior

Beatrice Cornelissen 800m 2:44:8 Senior

Julie Thompson

Lynda Moore

Colleen Gillies 4x400m relay 4:27:6

Senior

Carrie Campbell

Pam Oostenbrink discus 23.15m Senior

1983

Jenny Hanson javelin 31.68m Midget

Sherrie Cameron 80m hurdles 13.2s

Junior

Ann Williams

Maureen Milner

Kathy Rumleski 4x100m relay 53.1s

Junior

Sherrie Cameron

Laurie Duncan 100m 13.3s Senior

1984

June McAlpine 80m hurdles 13.3s

Midget

Sherrie Cameron 100m hurdles 19.1s

Senior

Sherrie Cameron long jump 5.42 Senior

1986

Karen Boere 1500m 5:21:1 Midget

Karen Boere 3000m 11:30:9 Midget

1987

Karen Boere 800m 2:32:8 Midget

Nancy VanDreumel high jump 1.56m

Midget

1988

Jenny Shaw discus 28.7 Midget

Jenny Shaw shot put 9.06m Midget

Nancy VanDreumel javelin 34.18m

Junior

1989

Melissa Westgate triple jump 9.73m
Midget

Nancy VanDreumel high jump 1.68m

Junior

Nancy VanDreumel triple jump 9.78m
Junior

Jenny Shaw discus 26.6m Junior

1990

Melissa Westgate 400m 61.2s Midget
Melissa Westgate triple jump 10.01
Midget

Melissa Westgate 200m 26.8s Midget

Melissa Westgate 100m 12.7s Midget

Nancy VanDreumel high jump 1.71m

Senior

Nancy VanDreumel javelin 34.50m

Senior



Left to right: Kathy Rumleski, Maureen Milner, Ann Williams, and Sherrie Cameron.



Greg Nemcek, winner of 1981-82 200m in OFSSA, and second in 100m in OFSSA.



Boy's Records

1981

John Kerr pole vault 2.60m Midget
Karel Fehr steeplechase 6:42:0 Senior

1982

Greg Nemcek 100m 11.3s Midget
Greg Nemcek 200m 23.5s Midget
Greg Nemcek 400m 67.6s Midget
Dennis Wilson triple jump 11.68m Midget

Jim Mihalek long jump 5.74m Midget
Karel Fehr 800m 2:11:7 Junior
Karel Fehr 1500m 4:28:5 Junior
Jim O'Neil 110m hurdles 19.5s Junior
John Kerr pole vault 3.04m Junior

1983

Greg Nemcek 100m 11.3s Junior
Greg Nemcek 200m 23.1s Junior
Dennis Wilson 400m 60.1s Junior
Jim Mihalek long jump 6.16m Junior
Karel Fehr 1500m 4:18:5 Senior
Karel Fehr 3000m 9:36:2 Senior
Bill Brush 110m hurdles 18.75s Senior

1985

Jeff Cumming 1500m 4:59:0 Midget
Tony Hollingsworth 3000m 10:27:8 Midget
Dan Jones 3000m 10:03:7 Junior
Wayne Weese 400m 53.8s Senior
Wayne Weese 800m 2:05:9 Senior
John Kerr triple jump 12.74m Senior
John Kerr long jump 6.49m Senior
John Kerr high jump 1.76m Senior

1986

Doug Garside triple jump 12.17m Junior
Jeff Cumming javelin 46.10m Junior
Jeff Cumming shot put 12.48m Junior
Doug Dolbear shot put 11.93m Senior

1988

Henry Haveman high jump 1.75m Midget
Henry Haveman discus 38.10m Midget
Henry Haveman shot put 13.94m Midget

1989

Henry Haveman high jump 1.75m Junior
Henry Haveman discus 35.22m Junior

1990

Jeff Cross shot put 14.49m Midget
Ron Boere triple jump 12.57m Midget
Jason Andrews 400m 54.2s Junior
Henry Haveman shot 13.15m Junior

Clockwise from upper left corner: Melissa Westgate; 100m, 200m, 400m, triple jump, Nancy Van-Dreumel; high jump, javelin, triple jump, Jenny Shaw; discus, shot put, Jason Andrews; 400m, Sherrie Cameron, 80m hurdles, 100m hurdles, long jump, 4x100m relay.

Exchange Students



Evandro Bocatto



Arne Overbeck



Bia Caruso

The eighties brought to and sent from E.L.S.S. many adventurous students, who left their homes to travel many thousands of kilometers in search of new and unforgettable experiences. Aided by the Watford Rotary Club, these students were sent to places such as large cities of 15 million people, frozen wastelands, tropical rainforests, and for the students who were inbound, there was Watford.

Each student made lasting friendships, memories, and most of all, made it through the year.

The following is a list of students who left Watford to go to various countries, and of students from other countries who made their way to Watford.

Outbound Exchange Students:

82-83 Ramona VanDiepen, New Zealand

82-83 Niola Parker, Mexico

83-84 John Kerr, Philippines

84-85 Kathy Wall, Brazil

85-86 Don Bork, Finland

87-88 Laurie Hume, Mexico

89-90 Karen Boere, Denmark

89-90 Bob Bork, Brazil

Inbound Exchange Students:

81-82 Nikki Clark, New Zealand

83-84 Bia Caruso, Brazil

84-85 Shiho Azechi, Japan

85-86 Mark Van Driel, Netherlands

86-87 Roxanna Sekerle, Bolivia

88-89 Arne Overbeck, West Germany

89-90 Evandro Bocatto, Brazil



Mark Van Driel



Roxanna Sekerle and Laurie Hume.



Shiho Azechi



Nikki Clark

1979-80 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Wayne McCann, Don Brush, Brian Acton, Keith St. Peter, Manfred Klein, John Bryans, Jamie Armstrong, Terry Bryson, Dan Kucera, Bill Bilton. Fourth Row: Glen Cook, Brad Berdan, Mike Jans, Dean Bryson, Lawrence Zavitz, Tom Britton, Rob Brennan, Alan Broad, Jeff Edwards, Tom Smith. Third Row: Kim Runnalls, Anita Geerts, Judy Borrowman, Vicky Schoots, Deborah Peters, Kathy Heath, Kathy Downie, Mary Jane Elliott, John Coleman. Second Row: Rose VanDreumel, Laurie Bahro, Patty Wallis, Pat Muirhead, Lori Bender, Donna Jones, Kathy Butt, Cheryl Toffelmire, Brenda Faris, Doreen Lambrecht, Shari Main. Front Row: Donna Ross, Diane VanDamme, Donna Johnson, Laura Werden, Lori Routely, Karen Mitchell, Debbie Verheyen, Lorie Vince, Susan McAlpine, Eleanor McEwen, Mary Ann Strang.

1980-81 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Joe Healy, Randy Hills, John Lambert, Pete VanKessel, Rob Rilett, Ken DeKoning, John Vervoort, Scott Morningstar, Russell Johnston, Tom Beaton, Allan Vansteenkiste, Pat Timmermans, Randy Widdup. Fourth Row: Ken VanEyk, Lynn Hollingsworth, Jill Williams, Marie Sylvester, Lynda Moore, Betty Leitch, Dan Mellon, Martin Quenneville, Joe Michels, Diane Spalding, Lynda Shaw, Lori Main, Terri McCallum, Jane Geerts. Third Row: Marianne Klein, Janet Searson, Pam Oostenbrink, Diane Barnes, Jill Cook, Susan Smith, Elizabeth Elliott, Riekie VanKessel, Helen Brouwer, Laura Besse, Joann Simpson, Susan Morningstar, Marion Vanden Ouweland, Anita Cornelissen. Second Row: Sharon Watson, Gale Thorne, Liana Pitel, Penny Douglas, Carmel Harper, Beverly Richardson, Margie Verhoeven, Donna McAlpine, Felicity Morgan, Donna Armstrong, Sherri Klauka, Beverley Garside. Front Row: Nancy Karn, Patty Copeland, Carol Hamilton, Lana Wright, Heather Cross, Darlene Feddema, Kim Lupton, Alison Swartz, Janine Fehr, Doris Edgar, Margaret Fray, Laurie Minnelly, Kim Oostenbrink.

1981-82 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Kevin Lupton, Paul Vaskor, Dan Coates, Brad Milner, Mike Mucha, Rod McNaughton, Kelvin Toffelmire, John Hanson, Bill Heath, Rick Shelley, Greg Vansteenkiste, Jeff VanEyk, Mike Hollingsworth. Third Row: Rob Ferguson, Gord Haskell, Paul Blunt, Heather Rolston, Carol Johnston, Nora Lehrbass, Linda Peters, Lisa Shelley, Joanne Feddema, Charlene Brittain, Harold Wilcocks, Steve Bayly, John Van Loon. Second Row: Tina Bryson, Donna Macauley, Linda Muirhead, Debbie Nemcek, Kim Berdan, Linda DeKoning, Beatrix Cornelissen, Heather Blain, Barb Healy, Debbie Van Dreumal, Marilyn Ross, Debbie Vanderburgt, Linda Verheyen, Judy Shaw. Front Row: Jan Thrower, Brenda Richardson, Norma Edwards, Joyce Campbell, Jennifer Johnston, Jody St. Peter, Barb Saunders, Collette Nenez, Rhonda Gillies, Vicki Johnston, Janet Bryce, Marilyn Jones.

1982-83 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Rob Fisher, Arthur Klein, Rod Hayward, Ken Sanders, Dean Campbell, Roger Spitzig, John Ferguson, Paul Wammes, Kevin Morwood, Bill Brush, Rob Runnalls. Fourth Row: Rob Witson, Ted Beaton, John Janicek, Scott Mansfield, John Straatman, Rob Rops, Ron McCabe, Joe Van Dinther, Paul Bershatsky, Sam Wallis. Third Row: Patty Brown, Sandra Mitchell, Tracey Jenkins, Teresa Hollingsworth, Alida Vanden Ouveland, Rita Lambrecht, Connie Geerts, Lesly-Ann Vandongen, Lee McLean, Ken McCallum. Second Row: Jackie MacLachlan, Judy St. Peter, Judy Quenneville, Tracy Cross, Vickie Hill, Laurie Duncan, Susan Patterson, Barb Johnston, Kim Romphf, Sandy Veeke, Anne Marie Ophof, Ramona Van Diepen. Front Row: Lisa McKellar, Debbie Sinkey, Mary Jane Bebingh, Mandy Griffith, Rhonda Johnston, Kathy Podolinsky, Diane Vanderburgt, Kim Minielly, Sue Widdup, Kris Mucha, Brenda Acton, Katherine Atwell. Absent: Darcy Wright, Todd Stoner, Nancy Vermeiren, Jim Mihalik, Doug Mellon, Brenda McKinlay, Neil McCallum.

1983-84 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Greg Barry, Mark Duncan, Dave Sanders, Joe Dubuque, Rob Parker, Scott McDonald, Dino Pasut, Jim Vrolyk, Terry Jariott, Tim Goldhawk, Grey Nemcek, Blair Walker, Scott Searson. Fourth Row: Alan Rossignol, Craig King, Mike Stenger, Rob Watson, John Kerr, Jack Singleton, John Ostrander, Brian Chalupka, Russ Brush, David Bryson, Stephen George, Jim Kennedy. Third Row: Michele Simpson, Colleen Rolston, Corinna Hoefnagels, Sandy Minten, Karen Gosden, Janet Downie, Margie Fenner, Diane Munro, Fran DeKoning, Sharon Barnes, Kathy Rumleski, Tricia Downie, Mary Bosch, Marion Boer, Mary Straatman. Second Row: Karen Strang, Charlene Rilett, Shirley Humphrey, Sherry Lester, Kim Eastabrook, Linda Watt, Jackie Johnston, Sue Pitel, Carol Romphf, Cindy Willoughby, Shannon Walker, Nancy Sanders, Sherry Lyon, Wilma Vanderhoek. Front Row: Diane Morris, Jeanine King, Jacquie Forget, Jackie Shea, Niola Parker, Shelly Gilliland, Jenny Hanson, Nancy Rich, Martha Rich, Jill Runnalls, Julie Thomson, Sherri Cameron, Kelly Duncan. Absent: Darcy Wright, Ron Goodhand.

1984-85 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Brian Copeland, Rob Nieuwenhuizen, Troy Straatman, Dan Shea, John Veens, Todd Mansfield, Tim Fitzpatrick, Mike Esch, Brad McCann, Dan McEachern, John Hollingsworth, Doug Dolbear, Darren Jones, Joe Geerts, Jim Quenneville. Third Row: Jackie Charlene Hollingsworth, Carrie Campbell, Lisa Minielly, Sheri Triest, Norma Lehrbass, Colleen Gillies, Beth Coleman, Petra Wester, Rita Sanders, Lisa Cran, Rhonda Perry, Margaret Beaton, Ann Williams. Second Row: Tracey Case, Jane Bosch, Mary Vossen, Van Dreumel, Anita Minielly, Lorraine Michelle Bork. Front Row: Janette Harper, Andrea Borrowman, Maureen Milner, Sandy Green, Jolene VanEyk, Zavitz, Dolleen Leggate, Laura Douglas, Carol Grewe, Marlene Van Aert, Kim Morwood. Absent: Dennis Wilson.

1985-86 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Bill Donkers, Rick Bebingh, Rob Van Diepen, Eric Bryce, Scott Preece, Mike Rops, Frank Dorman, Bill Cable, Jeff Brush, Todd Hinton, Kelly Dundas, Steve Sanders, Francis Leyten, John Griffith. Fourth Row: Dan Older, Joe Triest, Steve Gosden, Brent McEachern, Bill Kerr, Ron Swartz, Don Bork, Dan Duncan, John Couwenberg, Dan Eastabrook, Ken Rops, Steve MacLachlan. Third Row: John Joyce, Mike Rumleski, Dianne Wyergangs, Janet Elliott, Judy Willoughby, Laura Straatman, Cathy Vanderburgt, Keri Sterling, Heather Campbell, Lisa Whitson, Marie Brennan, Marty Van Kessel, Paul Holid. Second Row: Laura Livesey, Kim Topping, Linda Hunt, Lisa Pullman, Lorri Lucan, Willi-Ann Wester, Sandi Woods, Sandra Feddema, Andrea Smith, Lisa Downie, Beth Fisher, Valerie Playfoot, Kary Jenkins. Front Row: Patty Green, Nancy Vince, Diana Scott, Kelli Everitt, Hope Cross, Linda Beintema, June McAlpine, Patsy Van Diepen, Nellie Joris, Elly De Koning, Angela Michels.

1986-87 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Mike Hoeksema, Mike Strik, Doug Garside, Gregg MacEachern, Tony Phillips, Bill Rankin, Brad Mansfield, Troy Fitzpatrick, Tom James, Dave Clements. Fourth Row: Ben Scholten, Paul Straatman, Doug Hills, Tony Rombouts, Paul Moffatt, Warren Faulds, Darren Munro, Neil Humphrey, David Rossignal. Third Row: Debbie Perry, Vicki Berdan, Kelly Armstrong, Cherie Vince, Helen Feddema, Sandra Verheyen, Sandie Ingold, Judy Smith. Second Row: Tracie McIlmoyle, Sandie Playfoot, Karen Geerts, Lisa Dolbear, Tammy Tessier, Charlott Wilcocks, Cheryl Strevel, Nancy Vandennieuwenhuizen, Debbie Joris. Front Row: Chris Kersey, Laurie Hume, Linda Minielly, Teresa Mienten, Su Dolbear, Hazel Carlton, Kathy Donkers, Lynn Davis, Janice Elliott, Vickie Floyd.

1987-88 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Leon Dirve, Scott Cran, Doug Vrolyk, Allan VanDamme, John Heath, Erwin Boer, Greg Gilliland, Brian Boere, Chris Armstrong, Wayne Sanders, Lance Bryenton, Dan Forget, Jack Feddema, Jeff Dundas. Fourth Row: Jake Douglas, Tony Hollingsworth, Steve Moffatt, Dan Pavey, Glen App, Bruce Sayers, Alan Janssens, Kevin Willson, Simon Smith, Steve Fisher, Jeff Chivers, Albert Rombouts, Jeff Ophof. Third Row: Allan Firth, Scott Cook, Brad McVicar, Julie Acton, Julie Cameron, Brenda Podolinsky, Nancy Couwenberg, Jennie Lehrbass, Anita Rops, Bridget Runnalls, Teresa Willemse, Lisa MacKenzie, Tony Wygergangs, Gord Woods, Steve Joris. Second Row: Sheri VanKessel, Shelly Vermeiren, Cathy Quenneville, Rhonda Brown, Tracy Clark, Cathy Ryerson, Sandra McAlpine, Bonnie Clements, Lori James, Kerry Armstrong, Judy Redick, Tracy Manders, Sandra Cross. Front Row: Heather Lassaline, Lori Bork, Shannon Koster, Jennifer Westcott, Annette Beckett, Jane Williams, Lisa Fraczyk, Tammy Caley, Mandy Rich, Kim Kennedy, Debbie Strik, Robin Hume.

1988-89 Graduates



Back Row, left to right: Paul Willemse, Jamie Feddema, Marty Swan, Mike Steadman, Mike Hollingsworth, John Hart, Mark Elliott, Ron Leitch, Shawn Scott, Jeff Douglas, Dwayne Fraczyk, Steve Farr, Jeff Leyten, Greg Thomas. Fourth Row: Jenny Davis, Tracy Cumming, Krista Jariott, Linda Sanders, Scott Burchill, Jason Hinton, David Mullen, Jim Rich, Steve McCabe, Jodi Maxwell, Jill Penny, Marcia Smith, Michelle Burchill, Shellie Ingold. Third Row: Sandra Vossen, Sandra Manders, Kelly Squires, Paulette Williamson, Shelly Verberne, Michelle Sanders, Burchill, Shellie Ingold. Second Row: Tina Watson, Tracy Jodi Runnalls, Corina Slegers, Julie Bayly, Mary McGill, Jodi Goss, Cindy Crul, Nancy VanDreumel. First Row: Ann Ferwerda, Suzanne Jansen, Pam Weed, Jacquie Greenwood, Stacie Kersey, Scholten, Julie Straatman, Melissa O'Quinn. Front Row: Kim Sterling, Nancy Rombouts, Jill Cain, Christine Esch, Ann Lawson, Melissa Stenger, Joan Bryce, Brenda Armstrong.

1989-90 Graduates



Front Row: Miriam Van Lierop, Lesley Mathers, Mary-Lou Brady, Carolyn Harper, Dorothy Rombouts, Tammy Joris, Linda Thuss, Jennifer Aylesworth, Jacinta Minten, Jennifer Manders, Karrie Coleman, Cindy Downie, Tina Rombouts. Second Row: Sandy Rilett, Kelly Whitbourn, Lucy Wyergans, Adelle VanderVelden, Lori McLean, Bonnie Thompson, Kari Arnold, Karolyn Wubs, Jenny Stoner, Janetta Moons, Linda Van Kessel, Stacey Cook, Nancy Hume, Becky Ryerson, Jodie Morgan, Penny Shea. Third Row: Kurt Sawyer, Greg Hollingsworth, Tom Westgate, Clay Milner, Steve Hooper, Sam Cameron, Ted Rops, Greg McCann, Mike McCormick, Mike Cowenburg, Jim Straatman, Brad Blain, Jason Jones. Fourth Row: Mike Meuwissen, Chris Dann, Kent Coleman, Wayne Hayward, Garry McLachlan, Todd White, Joe Mezenburg, Dean McEachern, Jason Green, Sean Rankin, Doug Thompson, Rick Verhoeven, John Sinclair, Brad Hollingsworth. Absent: Penny Kennedy, John Koolen.

Those Were The Days

The eighties were exciting years at East Lambton, and like the other decades, full of strange fads and fashions, as well as movies and many hit songs. Maybe you can remember wearing, watching or singing some of the following.



Floral designs, crop pants, fluorescent clothes, polo — Ralph Lauren, Swatches, acid-washed denim, no socks, tie-dyes, fake pearls, The Cosby Show, Miami Vice, Dallas, Growing Pains, Dynasty, Madonna, U2, Michael Jackson, Dire Straits, Heart, Whitney Houston, The Beatles, 60's music, and Rap.

The eighties are now over, and the future of East Lambton promises to be a prosperous as the last century has been. Nothing can sum up what past, and present students, teachers, or anyone who has any involvement with East Lambton Secondary School, feel for it as well as this note from Mr. Gene McCaffrey, past principal of E.L.S.S.

“My lasting memories of East Lambton are of a most professional staff and a hard-working student body, both with an intense loyalty to and pride in their school, a very supportive staff of secret-

aries and custodians who shared that commitment, the friendships which are treasured, and a caring, supportive community whose love of East Lambton Secondary School helps sustain its tradition.”



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Pete and Lila Brennan
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Dorothy Bryson
Gwen Burchill
Frances Burleigh
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Kay (Burr) Campbell
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Alexia (Clark) Landon
Margaret (Mitchell) Lennan
Jim Lett
Carolyn Lewis
John F. Lewis
Vernon and Pat Little
Dorothy Luckham
Marilyn Machutchon
Mac and Elverta MacLachlan and
Family
Laura Martin
Ruth Anne McCabe
Madeline McCallum
Susan (Ferguson) McCaw
Zelda McCaw
Keith McCreary
Jim and Linda McLean
Marie McLean
Donna McPhail (Armstrong)
Jack Michielsen
Peter and Teresa Migchels
Hanley "Nips" Millar
Anne Mills
Dianne (Swartz) Monteiro
'Lefty' and Elaine Morgan
Ralph Morwood
Jean Muma
Dan and Cheryl Muxlow and Family
Jan M. (Mitchell) Newman
Rhea E. (Clark) Nichols
Bertha-Rose Park
Tom Park
Robert H. Parker
Vivian and Ian Patterson
Dougal W. Reader

Evelyn (Gault) Reycraft
Shane Rhodes
Susan Rhodes
Rick and Paula (Wilcox) Richardson
and Family
Ron and Gwendy (McKellar)
Richardson and Family
Bruce McKercher Robertson
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Jane (Hollingsworth) Von Der Recke
Anne (Searson) Walker
Norma Westgate
Linda Marlene (Shea) Willson
Peter Winnett
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Anne (Thompson) Wright
Mac Woods
Wm. and Mary Woods and Family
Florence Yori
Ron Zavitz

Reunions

High school class reunions are really the "in" thing to do these days. Many groups are discovering the fun and pleasure of seeing all the old buddies again. There is certainly much to reminisce about.

High school reunions, classmates compete with each other about jobs and incomes. By the 25th, it's spouses and children.

After that, they brag about their grandchildren and vacation homes while regarding with envy or glee classmates' waistlines, hairlines and wrinkles.

It is said that there are three ages of women: youth, middle age and "you haven't changed a bit".

But change is the name of the game. If you graduated in the thirties, consider the following:

1. We were before the pill and the population explosion which, inexplicably, went hand in hand — so to speak.

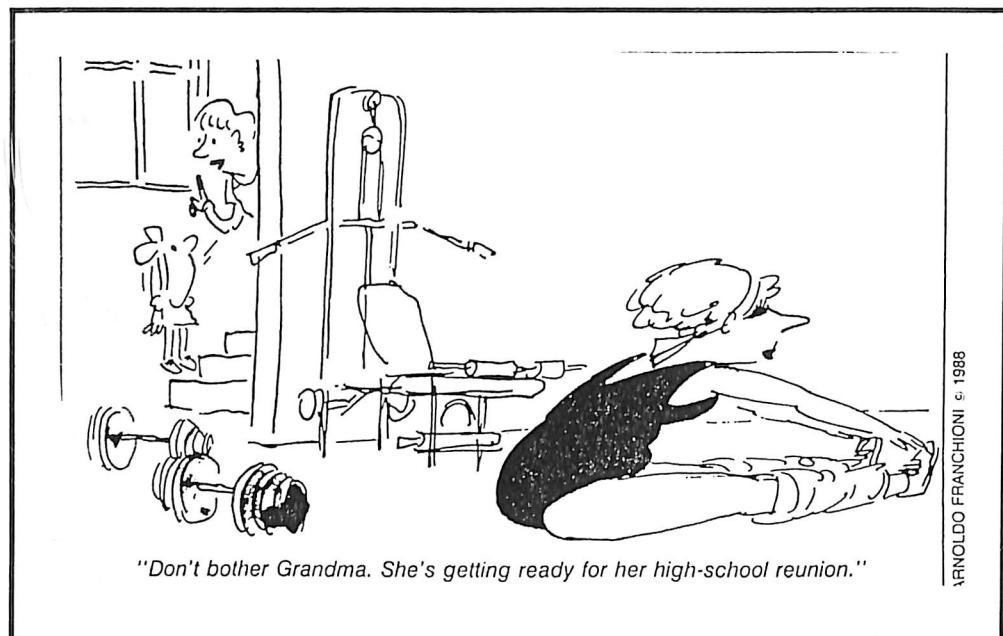
2. We were before television, before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and Frisbees. Before frozen foods, nylon, Dacron, Xerox, Kinsey.

3. We were before radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ballpoint pens. For us, timesharing meant togetherness, not computers; a chip was a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

4. We were before Leonard Bernstein, yogurt, Ann Landers, plastics, hair dryers, the 40-hour week and the minimum wage. We got married first, then lived together. How quaint can you be?

5. In our time, closets were for clothes, not for coming out of. In those days, bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before Grandma Moses and Frank Sinatra and cupsizing for bras. We wore Peter Pan collars and thought a deep cleavage was something butchers did.

6. When we were in high school, pizzas, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. We were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were before sex changed. We just made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb to think you needed a husband to have a baby.





Like Old Home Week — Five graduates of Watford High School met at London's Boyle Memorial School graduation exercises last night — and all are connected with London education. Left to right are: L. M. McIntosh, principal at Boyle; Dr. A. B. Lucas, director of education; D. W. Reader, inspector of London public schools; W. Y. Fitzgerald, chairman of the board, and Ralph Lucas, vice-principal.



Reunion at Park Plaza Hotel, Toronto 1966. Mrs. McLaren, Mary (Elliot) Miller, Isabel (Chidley) Spencer, Mary (Code) Johnson, Catherine (Howden) Merrifield, Phyllis (Lovell) Bevington, Marion (Brigham) Watson, Evelyn (Eastabrook) McInnes, Ruth (Sawers) Townsend, Jean (McLaren) Stadelman, Beatrice (Spalding) Stewart.

Watford High School students of the twenties, thirties and forties get together, Oct. 22, 1989.



Front Row, left to right: Leeland Mitchell, Ralph Lucas, Leslie McIntosh, Jack Rogers, Fribi (Fraser) Dolbear, Cecil Hollingsworth. Back Row: Dougald Reader, Norma (Kidd) Luke, Ernest Lewis, Carl Class, Lyle McIntosh, Eleanor (McIntosh) Lick, Cecil Dolbear, Mary (Elliott) Millar, Joan (Tanton) Edwards, Haney Millar, Ronald Edwards, Robert Barber.

Find Watford Good Source Of Educators

1959 — There's something about Watford High School that produces teachers, many teachers it seems, and something about London that attracts them. But five London educators, all hailing from Watford, were at a loss last night to single out specific reasons.

"We are only a handful among dozens," said Dr. A. B. Lucas, London's director of education. "It is not due any particular teachers, to my knowledge." He looked for any answer to William Y. Fitzgerald, chairman of the board of education; D. W. Reader, principal of Lord Roberts School and recently promoted school inspector for September; L. M. McIntosh, principal of Boyle Memorial School; and Ralph Lucas, a second cousin, and vice-principal of Boyle.

"Maybe it's because there is only one industry, and not much else to go into except farming," Mr. Reader suggested. "Teaching is a tradition in many families, whatever the reason, and many sons and daughters continue in the footsteps of their parents or aunts and uncles," Ralph Lucas added.

Mrs. A. B. Lucas and Mrs. McIntosh became teachers and came to London, Mr. McIntosh said.

Chairman Exception

One of the few exceptions to the rule was Mr. Fitzgerald, who went into his father's combined law and insurance office and became an accountant. But he came to London, and almost immediately became involved in education. He has been since. They named a dozen more Watford-graduated teachers who are or were teaching in London schools, just in the minute while waiting for grade eight graduation ceremonies to begin at Boyle Memorial School.

"It could be almost any reason, even the water," Mr. Reader suggested.

"I wouldn't mind a glass of good old sulphur water right now," he said fondly.

"We'll leave it to you to decide what attracts people to London."



Striving to Build The Leaders of Tomorrow

“We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan,
Nothing is worth the making
If it does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In Vain we build the world unless
The builder also grows,” . . .



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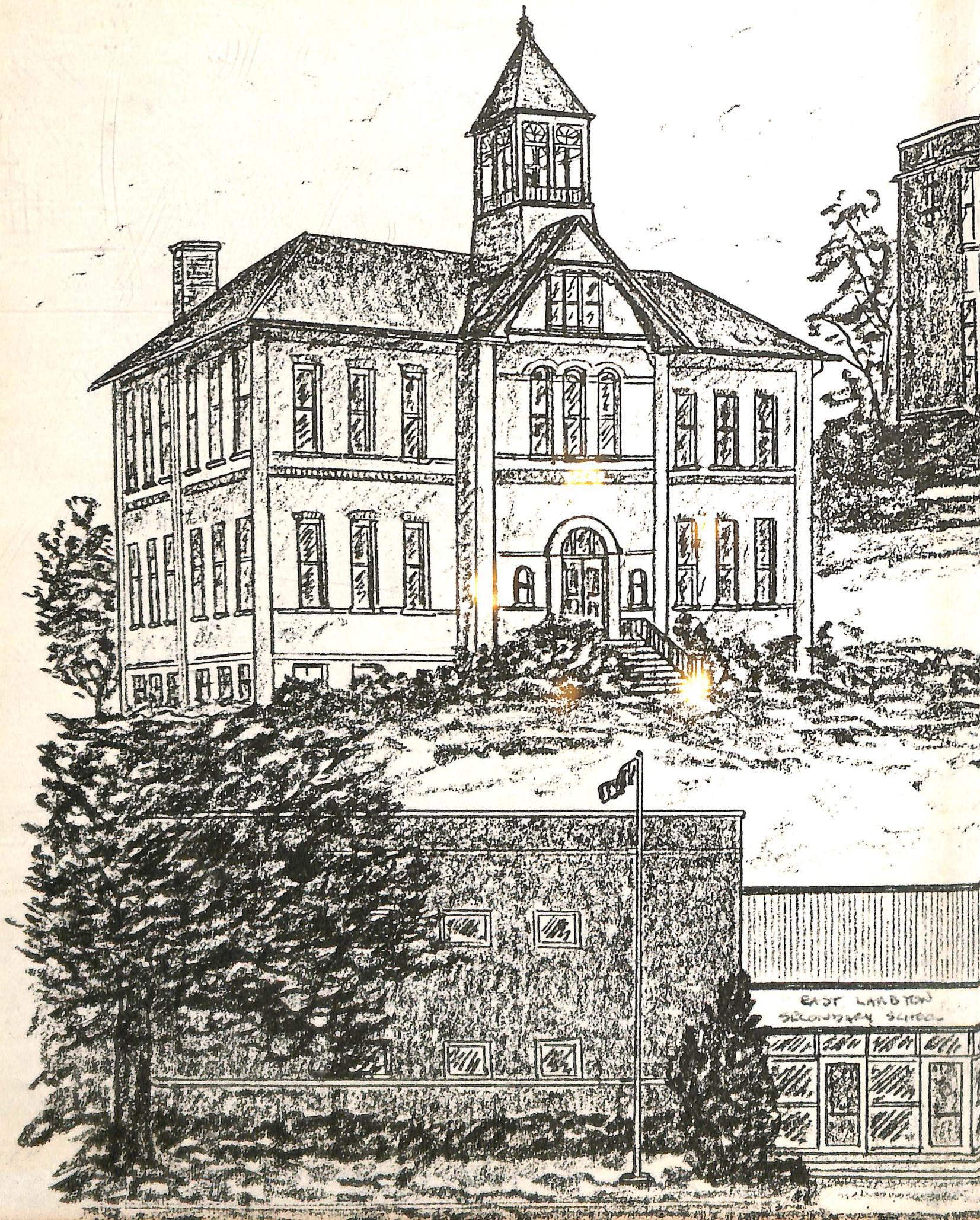
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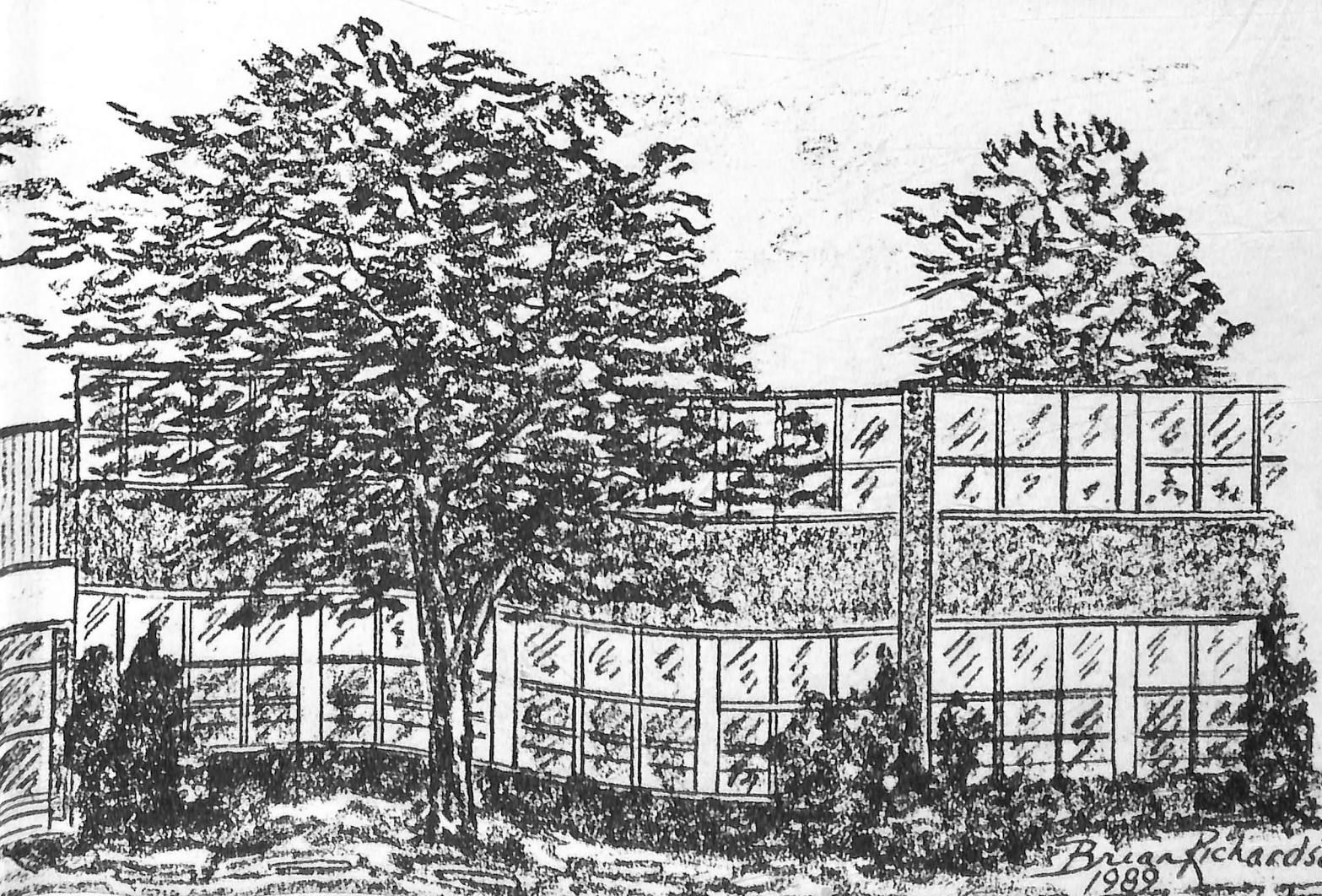
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Dr. Al Kingstone, Director of Education
and Secretary

We wish you Success and Happiness.







Brian Richardson
1989

